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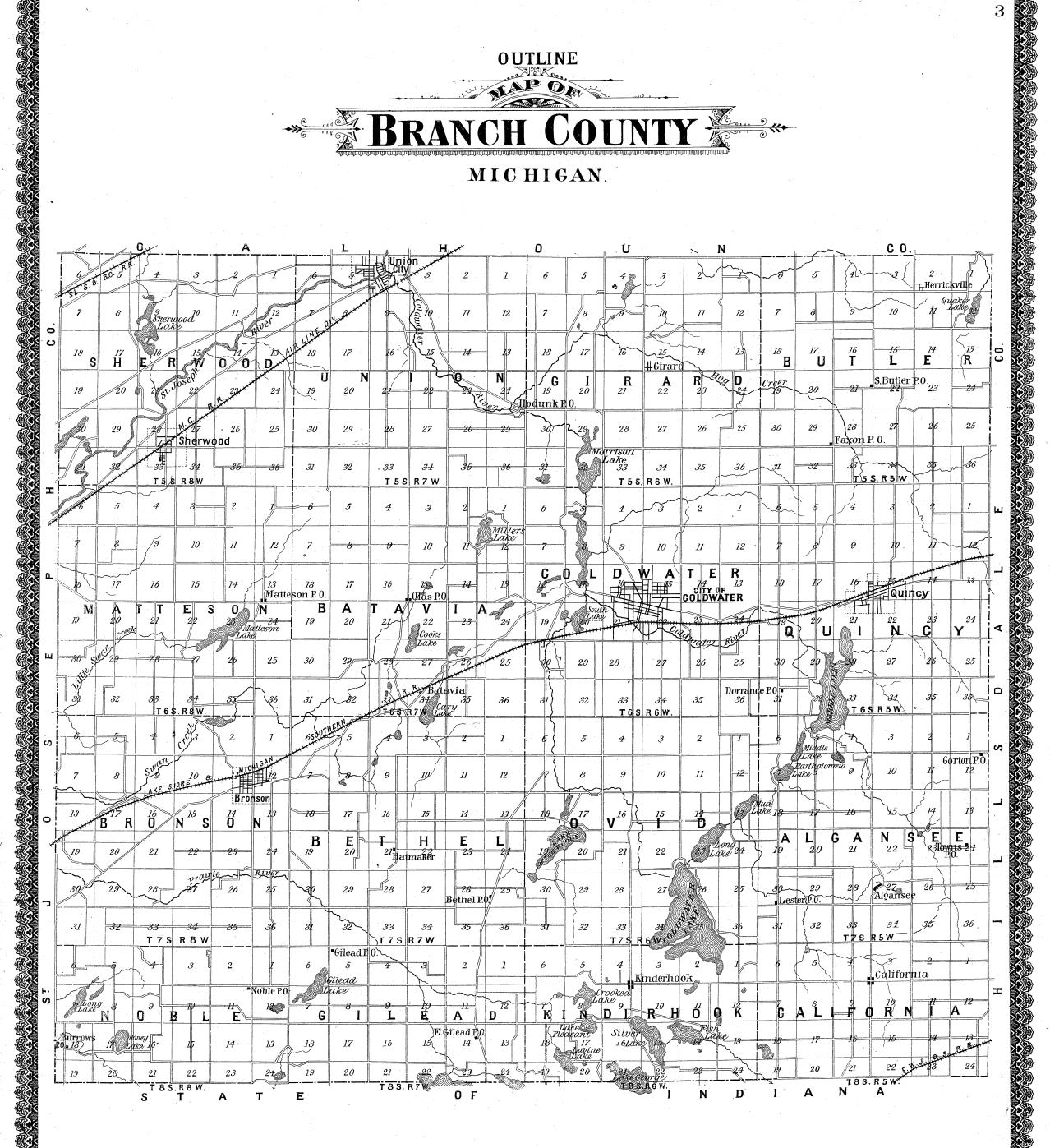
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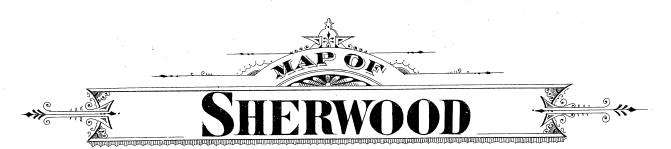
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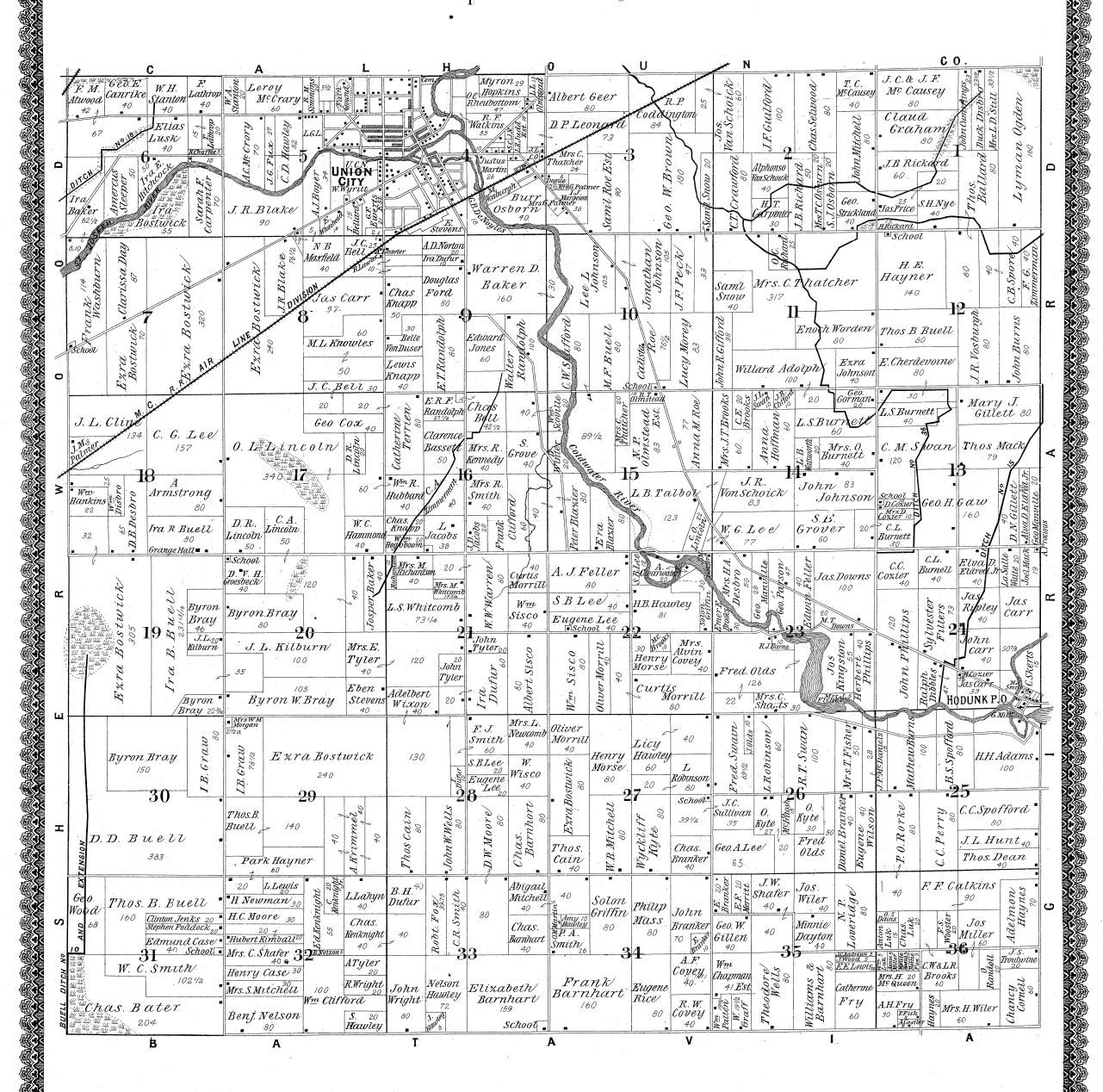




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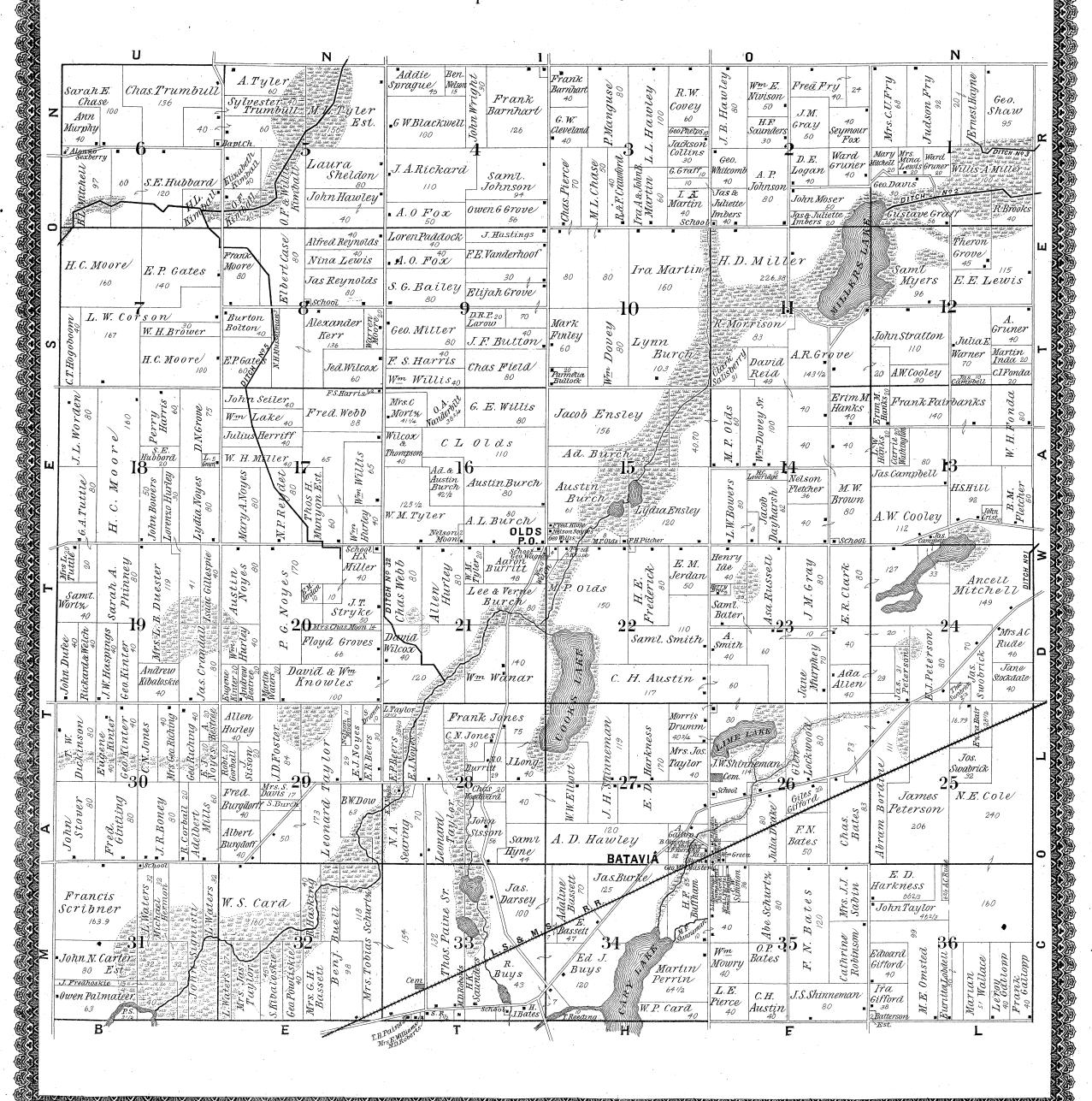


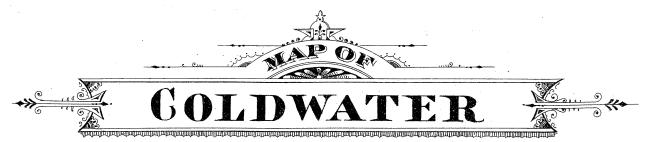
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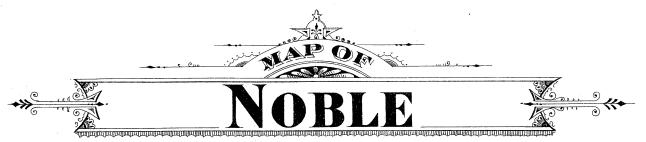
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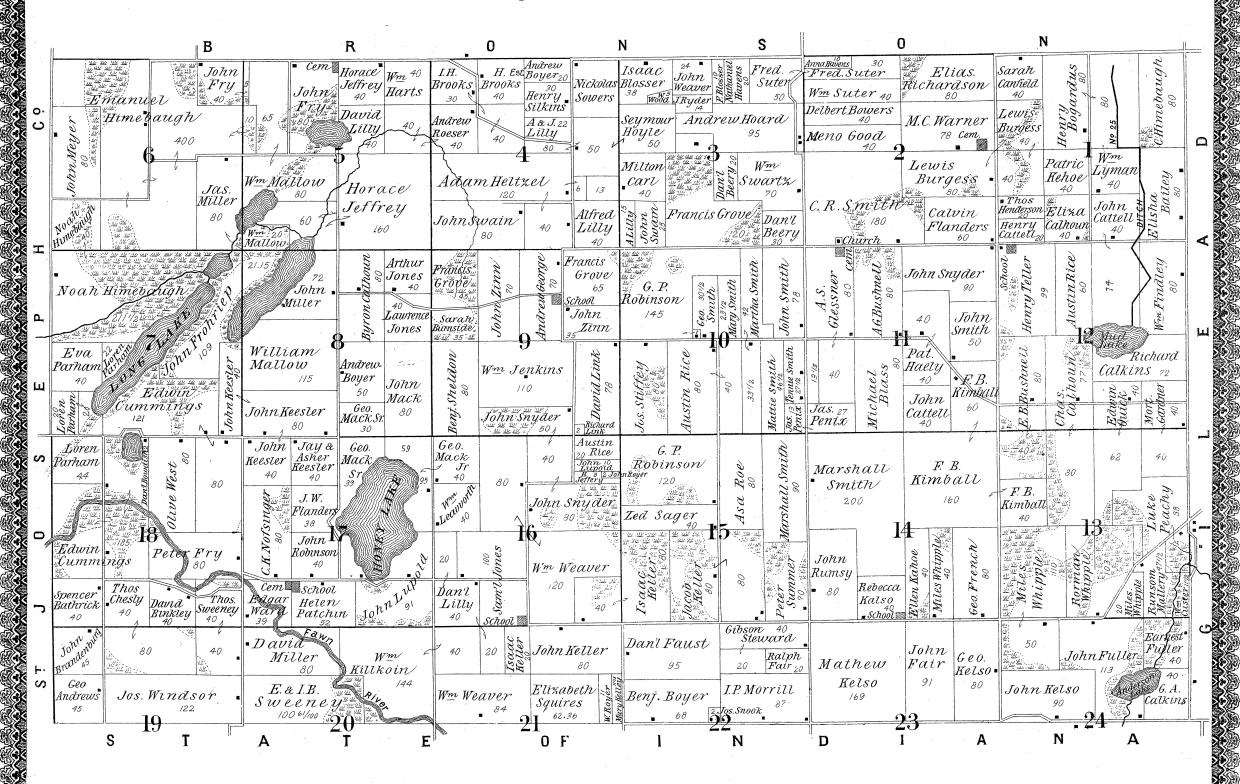


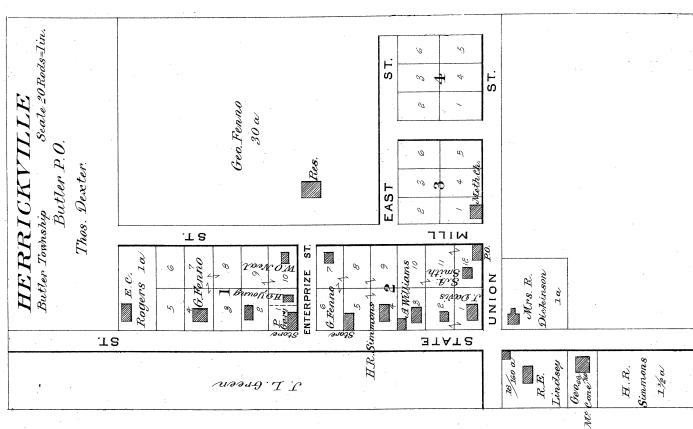
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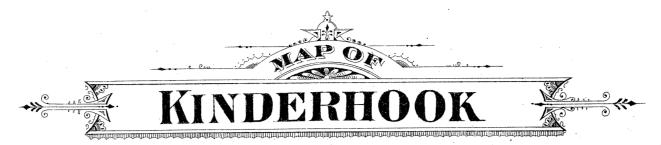




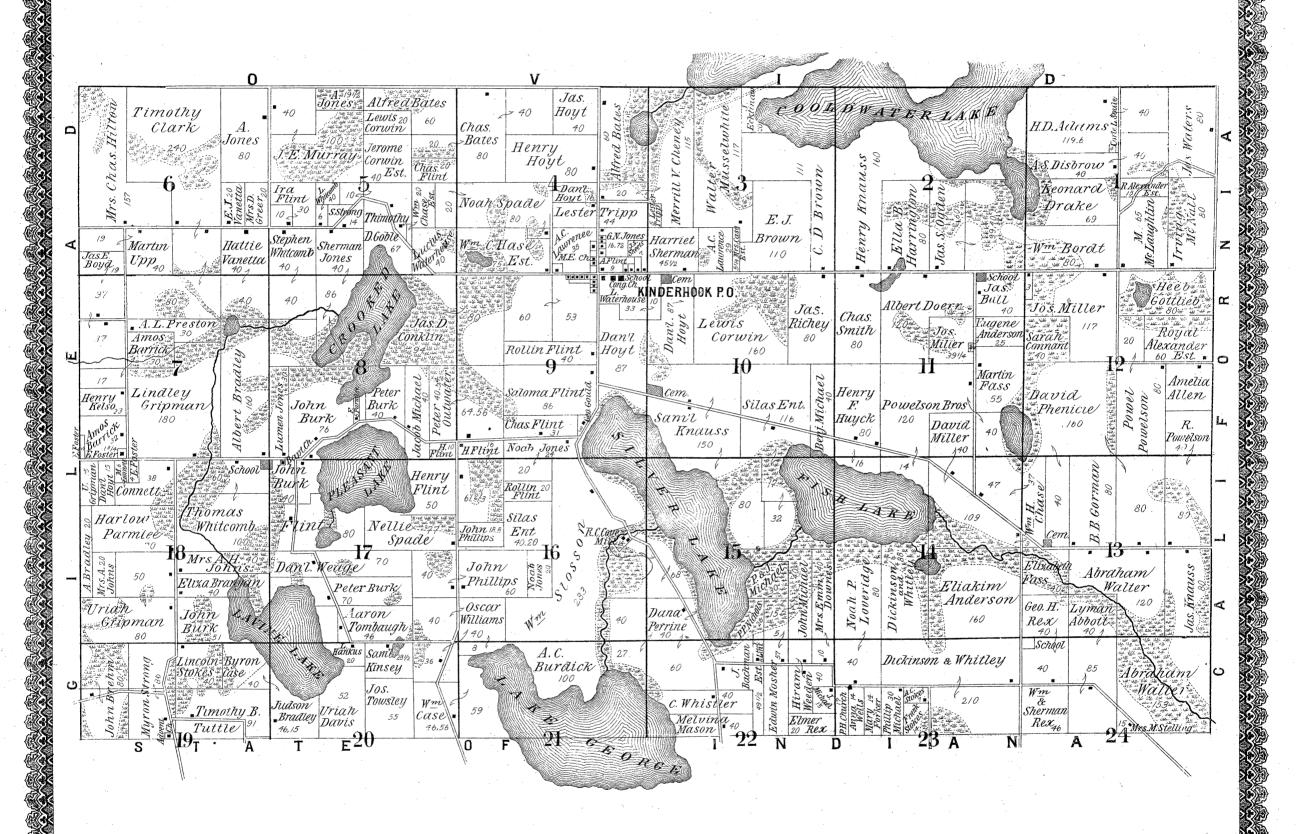


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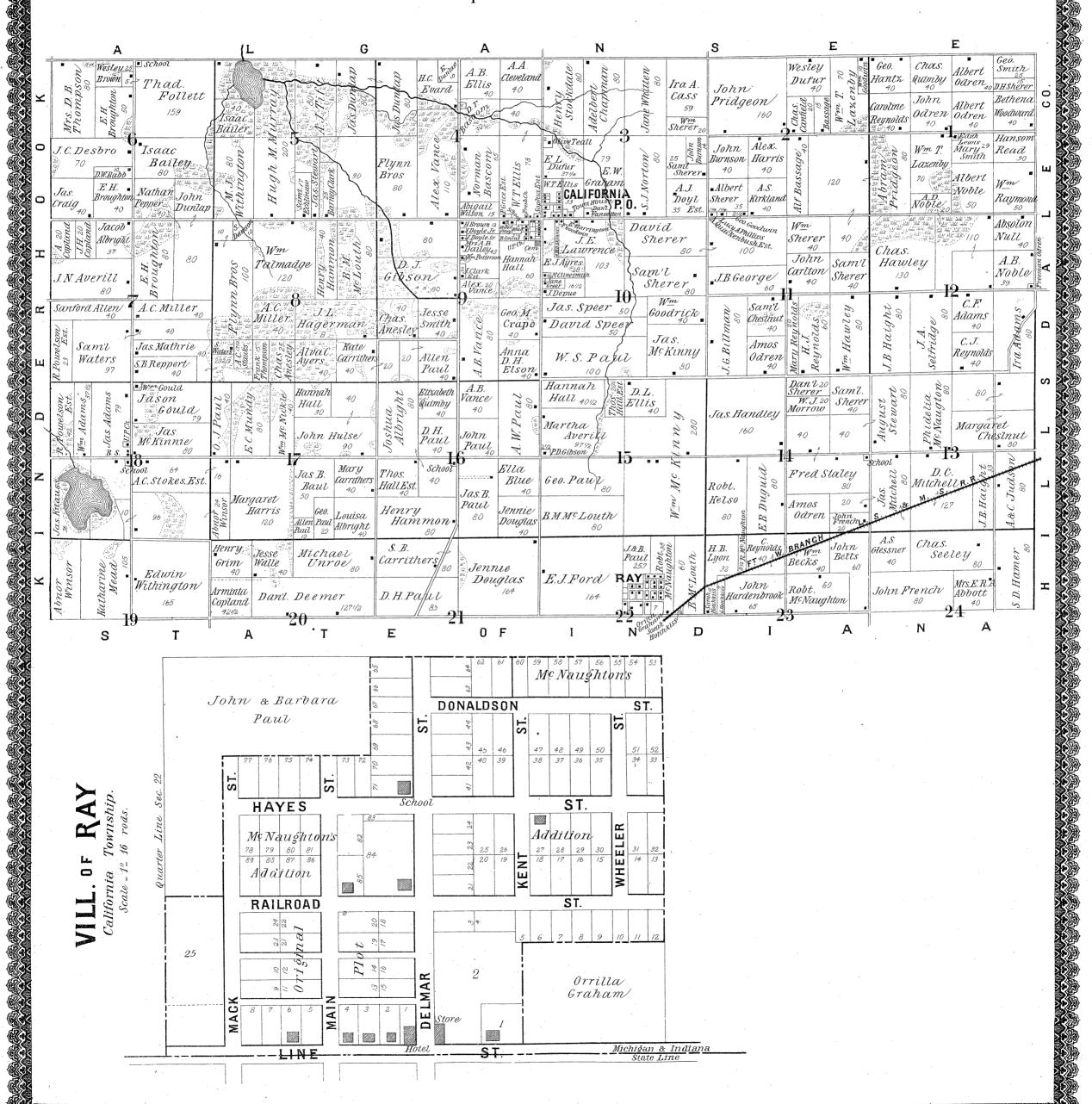


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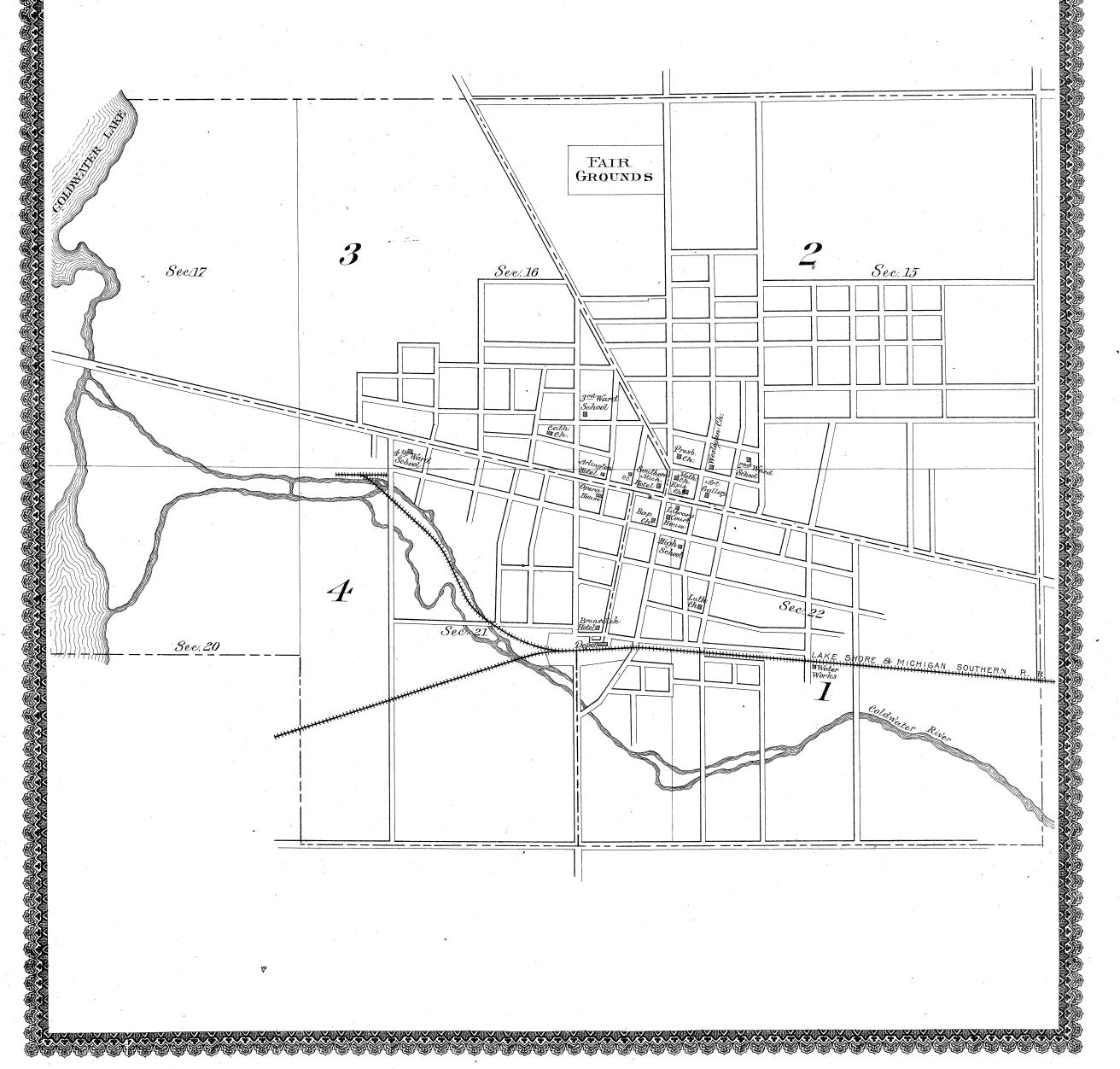


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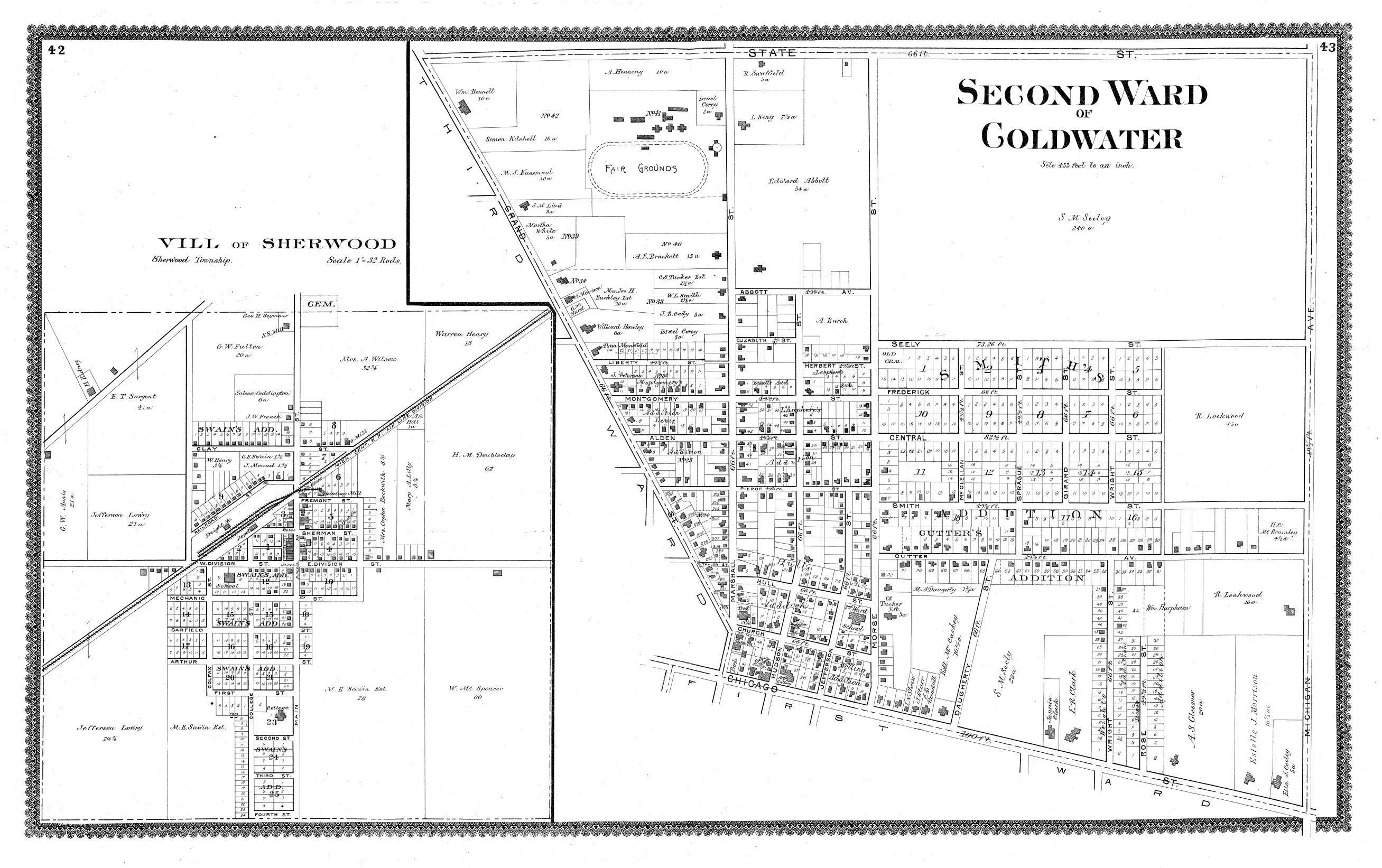


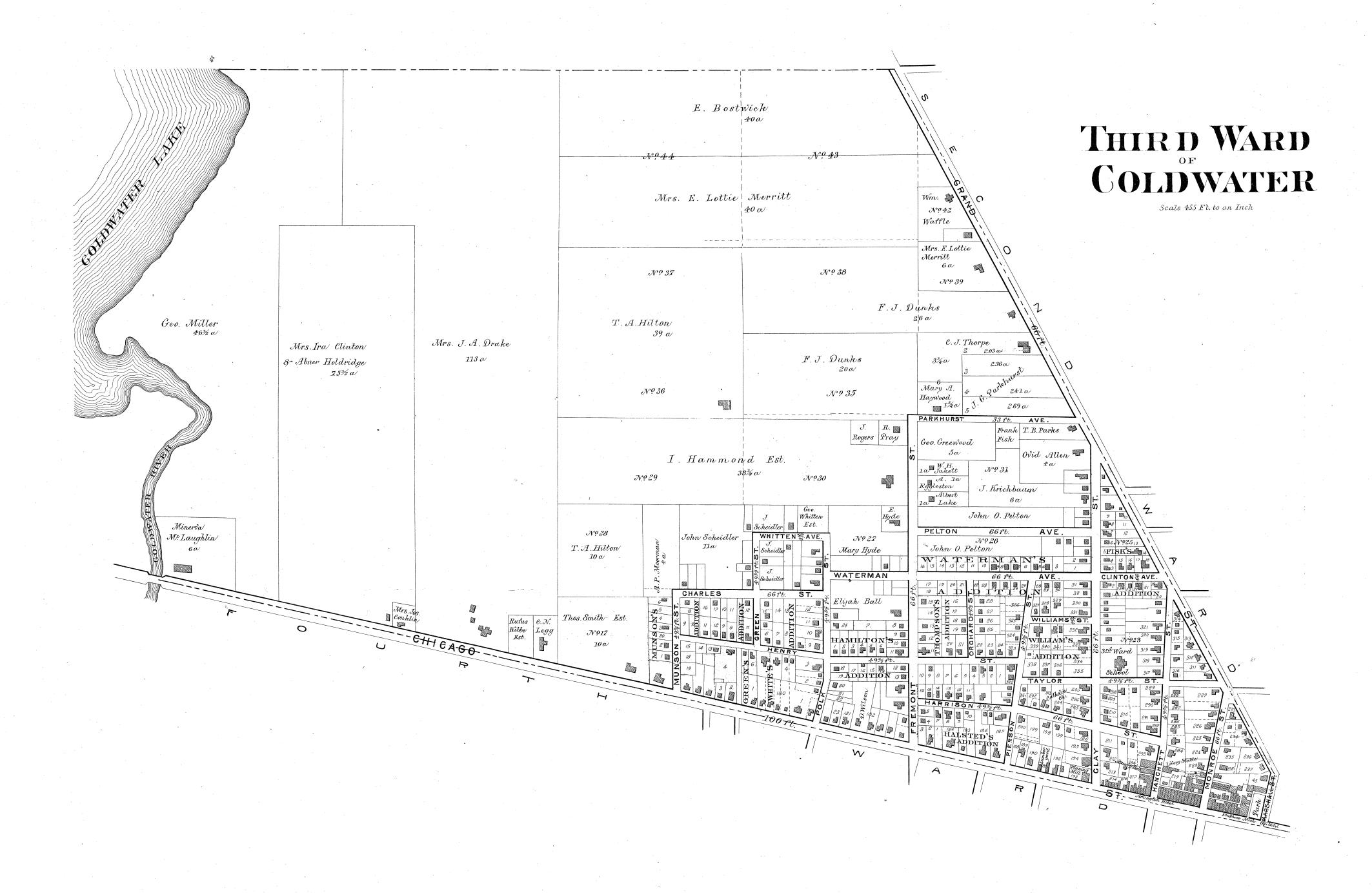
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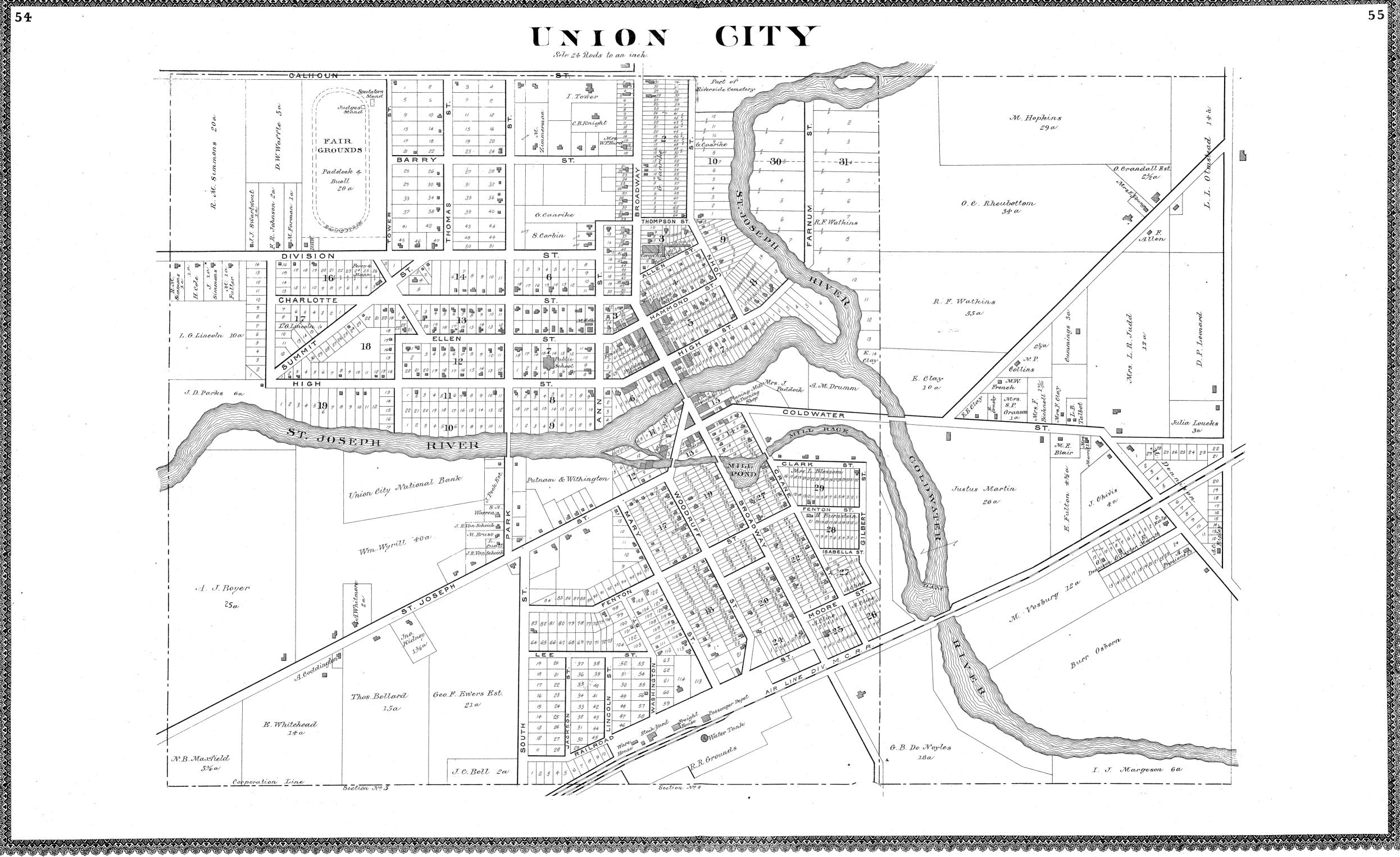


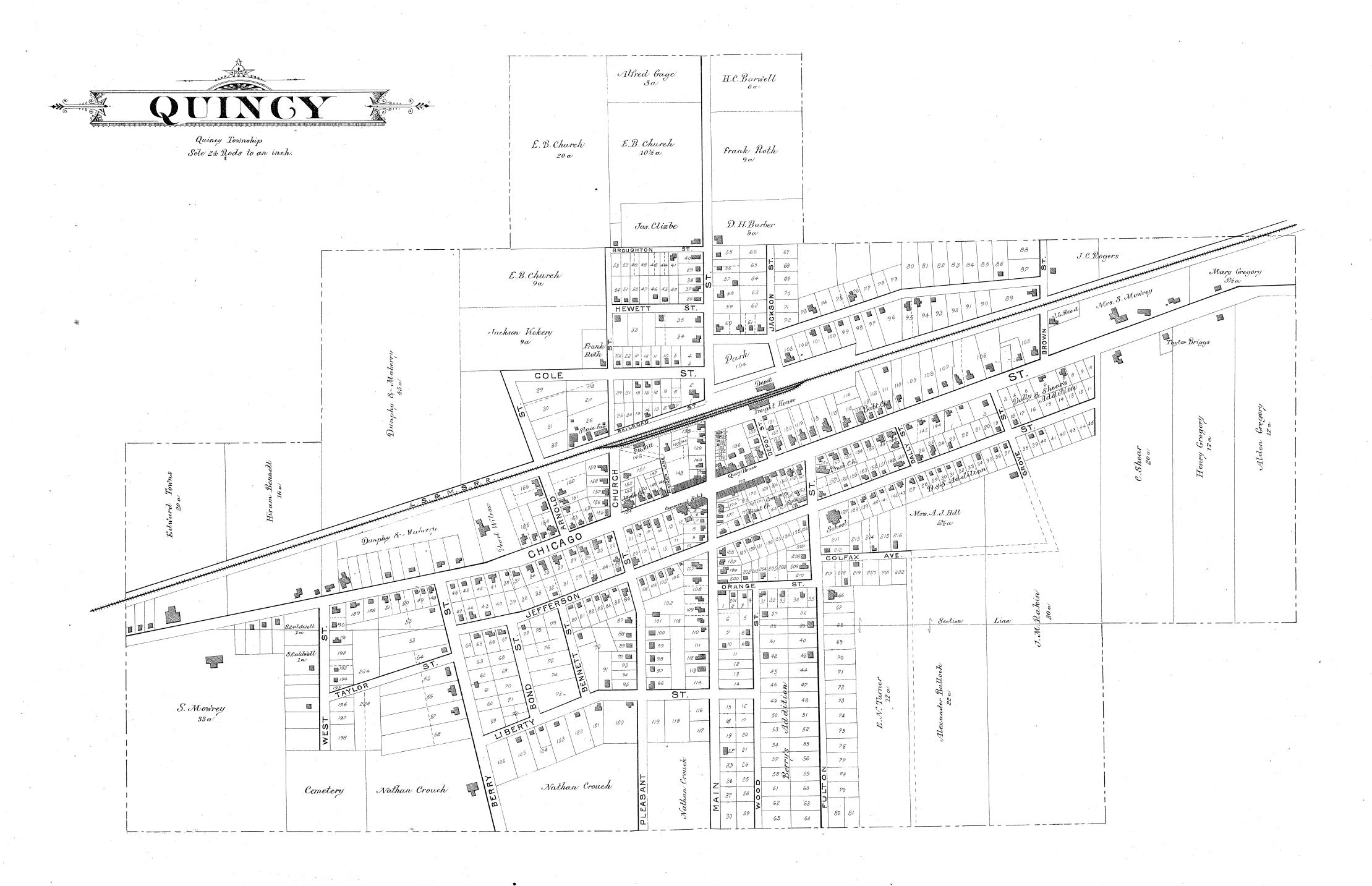
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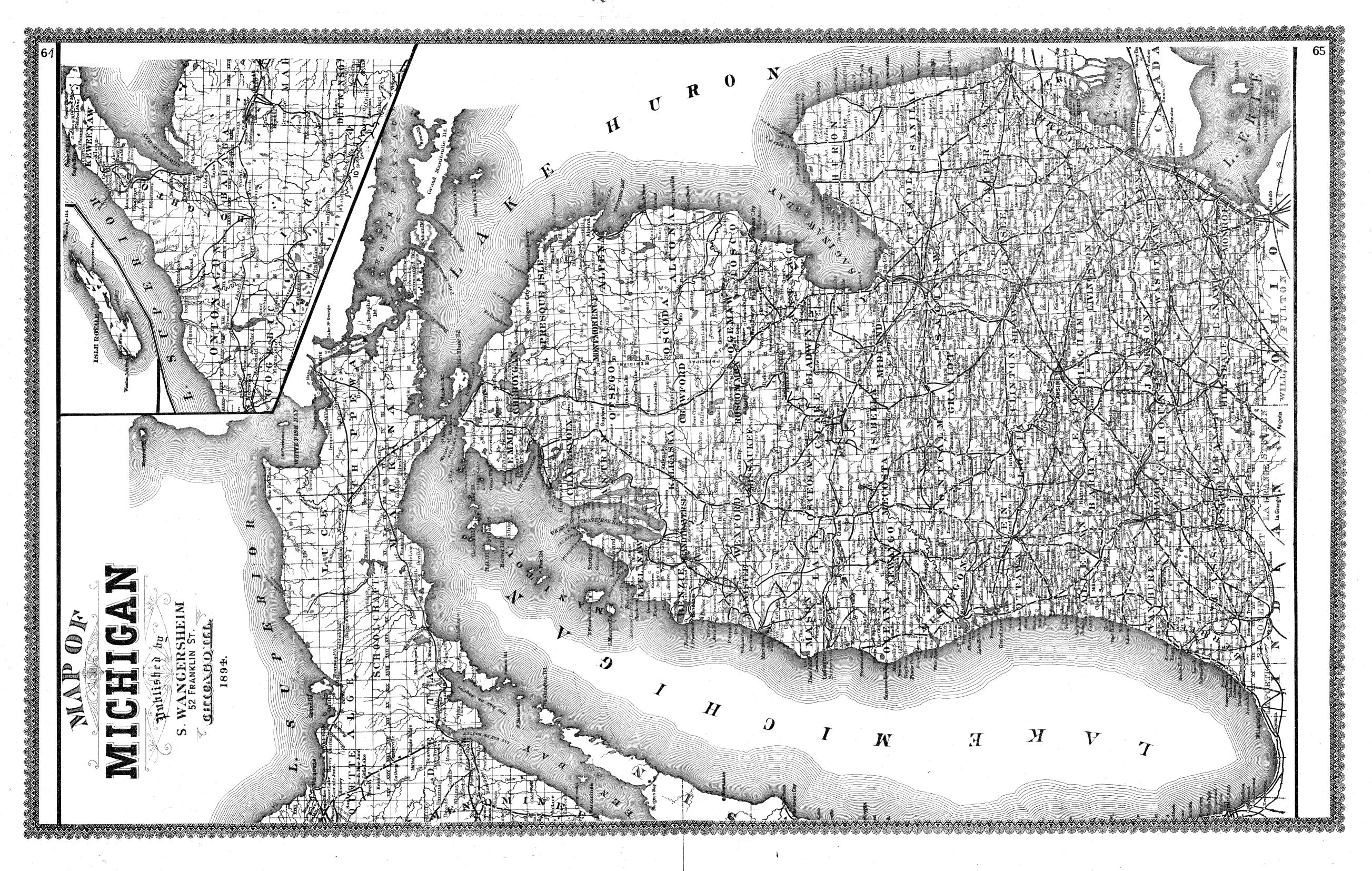


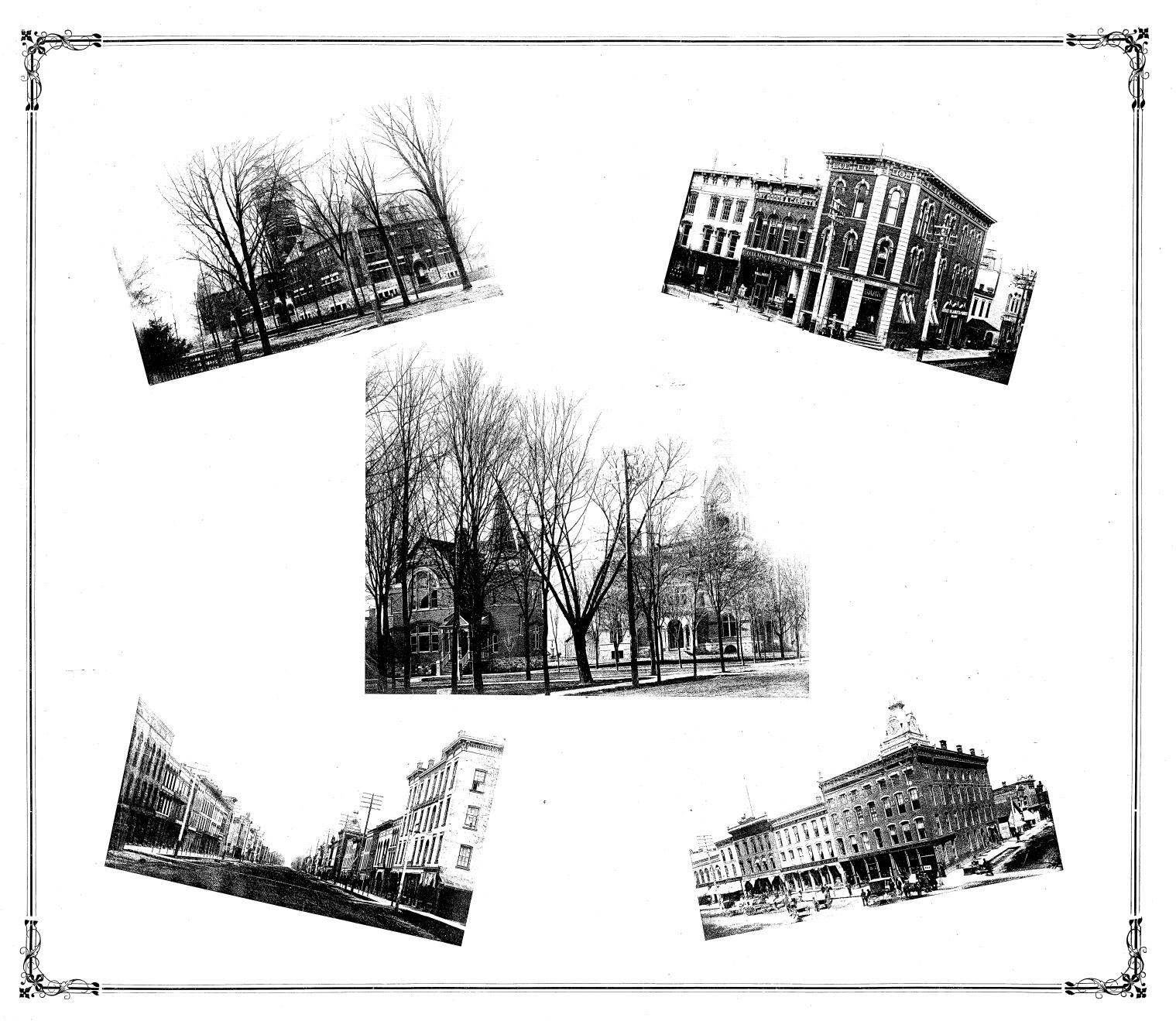












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- <sup>2</sup> Chicago Street, looking West
- 3. Court House and Public Library
- 4 Monroe Street, looking South.
- 5 Corner Chicago and Monroe Streets.

### BRANGHL COUNTY, MIGHIGAN.

HE territorial government of Michigan was ordained in 1805. The territory was admitted into the Union as a State in 1837. On the 29th day of October, 1829, the Legislative Council of Michigan passed an act forming the County of Branch, and at the same time twelve other counties comprising together a large portion of Southern Michigan. This was the first year of the administration of Andrew Jackson. John Branch of North Carolina was his Secretary of Navy, and for him the county was named. The counties of Berrien, Barry, Eaton and Ingham were also named for members of the Cabinet, Jackson for the president himself and Cass and Calhoun for distinguished democratic statesmen.

The formation of the county must be distinguished from its organization. The act of the council segregated these portions of the territory and indicated that they were of proper extent and form for counties. The organization did not necessarily, nor in fact in most instances, follow for a considerable time. They did not contain a sufficient number of inhabitants and in other respects were not in a condition for organization. Six days later, November 4, two of the number, St. Joseph and Cass, were organized by an act of the Legislative Council, and Branch, Kalamazoo, Barry and Eaton counties together with an immense uncut and unoccupied tract extending nearly to the Strait of Mackinac, were attached to St. Joseph county. That county may appropriately be called the mother of counties.

The next day, November 5, the council passed an act forming several new townships of great extent. Section fifth of the act provided "that the counties of Branch, Calhoun and Eaton and all the country lying north of the county of Eaton, which are attached to and form a part of the county of St. Joseph, shall form a township of the name of Green, and the first township meeting shall be held at the home of Jabez Bronson in said township."

It might seem difficult in such an immense township to find the house of Jabez Bronson, but in 1829 so few were the inhabitants, that although living far apart, they were generally known to each other In fact "Jabe" Bronson, as he was called, and as he signed his name, provided food and drink for weary men and animals at his log tavern on Bronson prairie in Branch county.

The town meeting was held in the forepart of the year 1830, and a supervisor, town clerk, constable and collector were elected.

These officers entered upon the duties of their office, and the township of Green was fully organized and in working order early in June, 1830, with the log cabin of Jabez Bronson as the seat of government and its landlord dispensing justice and literature as well as food and fodder, for he was the first justice of the peace of the county appointed by the governor and the first postmaster receiving his appointment from President Jackson. The amount of taxes for the whole county of Branch for the year 1830, collected by John G. Richardson, collector, and turned over to Seth Dunham, supervisor, amounted to seven dollars and thirty-six cents, and the supervisor's commission on it was thirty-seven cents.

In the summer of 1830 the governor appointed

three commissioners to locate the county seat of Branch county.

Abram F. Bolton owned the land adjoining and lying east of Coldwater river and north of the Chicago road. He satisfied the commissioners that his location was the right place for the county seat and they "stuck the stake" for the county buildings. This location of the county seat failed and the proceedings were void because the commissioners had neglected to take the oath of office. The next year new commissioners were appointed under the act of March 4 of that year. They came upon the ground and Mr. Bolton again attempted to convince them of the advantages of his property but others had more persuasive reasons and the "stake was stuck" in the forests on the west side of the west branch of Coldwater river, near the line between Sections 19 and 30 in the present township of Coldwater and being the location known as Branch.

That portion of the great territory constituting the town of Green, lying outside of the county of Branch, was from time to time formed into townships and thereafter Branch county formed one township which was still called the township of Green. In 1832 there were probably sixty voters within the limits of the county. The settlers, however, thought there were inhabitants enough to justify the division of the territory of the county into two townships. Accordingly on the 29th day of June, 1832, a legislative act was procured which divided the county into two equal parts by a north and south line. The eastern half was named the township of Coldwater and the act provided that the first election should be held at the house of Jabez Bronson. A few years later the name of Prairie river was exchanged to that of Bronson. As we have seen the county of Branch was formed by the act of Oct. 29, 1829. Some four years later the people began to move in the matter of county organization. There were then within its limits probably three hundred inhabitants and about seventy voters. Accordingly an act of the Legislative Council was obtained, approved February 1, 1833, and to take effect March 1 thereafter. Branch county therefore began its legal existence on the first day of March, 1833, and is now sixty

The first election for the county was held the next month after the organization. Wm. McCarty was chosen for sheriff, Wales Adams, clerk, Seth Dunham, treasurer and register of deeds, and Peter Martin was appointed probate judge by the governor. The first deed recorded was made by John Allen to Seth Dunham, the register conveyed an undivided fourth of the Black Hawk mill property.

The first mortgage recorded was made by James B. Stuart, of Ypsilanti, to Abram F. Bolton, of Napoleon, Jackson county, to secure the payment of \$1,200. This mortgage covered the tract of land upon which Mr. Bolton had hoped to locate the county seat and build a city.

The first certificate of marriage recorded sets forth that Robert J. Cross, J. P., on the 14th day of July, 1833, married Allen Stoddard, of Detroit, Michigan Territory, to Mary Estlow, of Branch county. The second certificate is that of the marriage of the clerk, Wales Adams, to Polly Waterman, both of

Prairie River township. The first recorded marriage by a minister of the gospel was by Bishop Chase on Christmas day, 1834, "in the presence of a congregation assembled for Christian worship."

In less than ten years from the recording of the first certificate there is a record of two hundred and twenty-four certificates. As the territorial law in respect to recording marriage certificates was more lax than subsequent laws, there were undoubtedly many marriages of which there is no record. Considering the number of inhabitants the early settlers must have been kindly disposed to "marrying and giving in marriage."

Oct. 26, 1843, ten years after the first recorded marriage, the first divorce was granted. The parties were David M. Clark against Hannah Clark, and the solicitors for the complainant were Fuller & Gilbert. The wife made no defense. In the early days marriages were plenty and divorces few, latterly the marriage lists falling off and that of the divorce increasing.

Prior to 1837 the courts for the county were held at the school house in Branch, and the prisoners were kept at the jail in St. Joseph county. In the summer of the year a log building two stories high, and thirty feet square, was built at Branch. It was called a jail but the lower part was used for that purpose and the upper half for a court room. This was the first and the only public building in the county while the county seat remained at Branch. During this year also the first newspapers in the county were published. The oldest by a few weeks is the Michigan Star issued at Branch, and the other the Coldwater Observer, published at Coldwater. This too was the year of great inflation and wild speculation. "Red Dog" and "Wild Cat" money abounded. Two banks of issue were started in the county, one at Branch and one at Coldwater. They soon collapsed. The fictitious prosperity of the year soon disappeared and the people left with floods of worthless paper upon their hands were in a worse financial condition than ever before. The county seat question agitated the county for several years, resulting at last in an act of the legislature authorizing the county commissioners to make a re-location. This board, consisting of Hiram Shoudler of Union, Oliver D. Colvin of Kinderhook, and Hiram Gardner of Matteson, met in January 1842, and located the county seat at Coldwater. The same year the legislature abolished the system of county commissioners and re-established that of supervisors. Near the time of the removal of the county seat the jail at Branch was burned by a prisoner confined there, and until another place could be provided the Branch county prisoners were kept in the jail of St Joseph county. In 1846 a jail costing about one thousand dollars was erected at Coldwater. Then came the struggle to build a court house, lasting nearly seven years. In the spring of 1847 a majority of twenty-seven was secured for the tax to build. The vote stood eight hundred and twenty-four in favor of the tax and seven hundred and ninety-seven against it. The contract for building was let for \$5,000, and the building was erected in 1848 and was first occupied in December of that year. This structure remained until the present one was built. The present fine building was secured

after even a longer contest than that over the first. In the spring of 1887 just forty years after the successful vote for the first a majority was secured for the new court house. The vote was again close, that for the loan being 2791 and that against, 2764, making a majority of 27, the exact majority that was obtained forty years before for the old court house. Forty years from the time the old house was completed the new one was finished and occupied. These forty years tell of the progress of the country in wealth and population. The vote was probably a full one at both periods, in 1847 it was 1,521, and in 1887 5,555. The cost of the old court house was \$5,000, that of the new nearly \$60,000, and yet the burden of building the latter was not as great as that of the former, considering the respective wealth and population of

The Southern Railroad was completed to Hillsdale in 1843, and that outlet to the markets of the east was a great benefit to the county. The financial troubles which followed the disastrous speculative period of 1837 prevented the extension of the road across the county until 1851. The track was laid that year and in March, 1852, the cars ran through to Chicago. The event was one of great rejoicing and this thoroughfare through the county to the east and west brought a new supply of inhabitants of the best class from New York, New England and other states of the east, and added greatly to the prosperity of the county. This property continued unabated until the beginning of the great war of the rebellion. From the time the railroad was opened until the war, a period of about ten years, the population nearly doubled and the wealth increased in much larger proportion. The dangers and hardships of pioneer life were over, the wilderness was subdued and "blossomed like the rose;" happiness and contentment everywhere prevailed. Suddenly in the very midst of that peace and prosperity as if impelled by the hate of furies, the dark clouds of civil war rushed forth and obscured the whole sky. In the impending danger, the clearing of fields, the construction of highways and railways, the building of towns and villages was forgotten. From the bombardment of Sumpter to the surrender at Appomatox, the patriotic people of Branch County were almost exclusively devoted to the supervision of the rebellion.

Men, women and children seem to have thought of little else. It is believed that the records will show that few if any counties in the Union in proportion to population, sent a larger number of soldiers to the

They represented the county in every arm of the service and upon all the great battle-fields of the war. The many brigades, regiments and batteries which they helped to form were distinguished for the skill and brilliancy of their officers and the daring bravery of their soldiers. The war record of the county is a proud one. Her citizen soldiers are sleeping in the soil of every Southern state; and every town and rural cemerery in the county marks their resting places. Memorial day since the war has been the great occasion of the county. It may be safely said that nowhere else has the day been so constantly observed and reverenced with so much sincere affection and devotion. The generations that lament the fallen heroes are fast passing away, but the living for all time will never cease to honor them.

Since the close of the war a large area of uncultivated land has been improved and added to the tillage of the county. In driving through the county fine school houses, dwellings and capacious barns are constantly rising to the vision of the traveler. The city of Coldwater and the villages of the county have had a wholesome growth and nowhere can more charming places of residence be found. In these handsome churches have been built, public libraries established and school buildings of beauty and comfort erected. The county is devoted mainly to agriculture. Intelligence is apparent in every part. The numerous granges and meetings of farmers with wives, sons and daughters are schools of instruction, composition and elocution. The high cultivation of the soil is only surpassed by the higher cultivation of the mind. The county was settled mainly by people from New England and New York and additions to the population not born on the soil are largely from the same sources. They have kept good the reputation for intelligence and culture which belong to the States from whence they came.

The county of Branch is the middle county of the seven counties forming the Southern tier of counties

in the state. The Lake Shore Railway runs through the central townships, and the Michigan Central through the northern. The cities of Chicago, Detroit and Toledo are of quick and early access. When the pioneers first looked upon the landscape of the county it was a paradise of nature, the delight of the untutored children of the woods. Its surface was composed of beautiful prairies, veritable gardens of grasses and flowers, enclosed with magnificent forests, abounding with game, in every part lakes of deep, clear, pure water, fed by springs and teeming with a great variety of the finest fish.

The county, in addition to numerous lakes, is well watered by the St Joseph river in the north, the Coldwater river and its branches in the South and middle portions, and many creeks in other parts. In the forests were black walnut, oak, maple, beech, elm, ash, cherry, whitewood, and other varieties of wood of good size and of the finest quality. In the progress of cultivation, most of the timber has disappeared, but the county is still well wooded, and the lakes and streams well stocked with fish. The climate is healthful and its soil rich, readily cultivated and highly productive of a great variety of grains and fruits.

Other places in this great county of ours may be more desirable for some particular thing, but one who seeks a home in a beautiful climate, amid scenes of fine woods, rich fields and beautiful lakes and streams and among a happy, well-to-do, cultivated and moral people, will be wise if he follows the footsteps and rests in the home chosen by the brave and intelligent pioneers of Branch county.

The first school in Branch county, and the first between Lenawee county and White Pigeon, was taught in a log tenement at Bronson Prairie, in the winter of 1830 and 1831 by Columbia Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster afterwards became an able lawyer. He practiced law at White Pigeon, built the first log house at Centerville in 1831, was president of the St. Joseph's County Bank, and a member of the legislature in 1838. He went to Oregon in 1845, was a delegate in congress from that territory in 1856, and prominently identified with the interest of that section of the Pacific coast.

Generally the first school houses were built in the present townships about the year 1836. They were rude log structures and in striking contrast to the present fine brick buildings in all parts of the county.

One was built at Waterhouse Corners in 1836. In Butler, Matteson, California and Noble in 1838, in Ovid in 1842 and in Quincy 1837. The first school in Quincy was established through the enterprise of Squire Alger, and Doctor Alger was one of the first pupils. The school building was located on section eight, and the first teacher was Rhoda Hewitt. Soon after a school house was built on the present railroad station grounds.

In 1837 the first school house was built in Union, in Algansee in 1838, in Gilead and Sherwood in 1836 and in Batavia in 1835.

The first building in Coldwater was a rude, log structure located on the north side of the Chicago road a little east of the present residence of Mr. Glessner. It was built in 1833 or 1834. Cynthia Gloyd, who afterwards married David Waterman, was the first teacher. The next school building was the old, red school house located in the present first ward in rear of the Ellis blacksmith shop. Hon. Harvey Haynes taught school in this building in 1838 and it was then the only school in the township.

The first teachers in the county of whom we have any record were:

Miss Anna Roberts, Mr. Charles M. Miner, Miss Rhoda Hewett,

" Sarah Beach, " Cynthia Gloyd,

" Ella E. Hammond,
" Sarah Sargent,

Mr. Henry L. Hammond, Miss Jane Woodard, Mr. Sam'l Chase,

" James McKinley,
" Southworth,

" David Fonda,

" Harvey Haynes.

Such was the humble beginning of the present fine buildings in the city, village and school districts of the county, and of the excellent system of schools and institutions which now prevail. The intelligent

pioneers coming from the Eastern states, when the common school system was interwoven with the fabrics of the state and having themselves enjoyed the benefit of such a system, were solicitous that their children should reap a like advanage; and so soon as a sufficient number of them could be gathered in a wide neighborhood, the rude but comfortable log house was built and a teacher engaged.

This early interest in schools and education has never flagged, but the schools of the county have been kept abreast with those of the most favored in the state

The general government at an early day made liberal donations of the public lands for the support of the schools and the founding of a university. From the beginning the territorial and state legislators have advanced and guarded education with anxious care.

The university at Ann Arbor is now and for many years has been the leading university of all the great West.

The child, whether girl or boy, may be placed at the age of five years in the lowest primary grade, may be advanced from grade to grade, until graduation at the high school in the city of Coldwater, and thence, without further examination, may be entered at the University, and there graduate fully equipped for any position in the busy strife of the talented and cultured men and women of America, whether literary, scientific or professional.

The State Public School for dependent children, and which is a part of the common school system of the state is located at Coldwater.

It was organized in 1871. The Hon. C. D. Randall, then in the state senate, was the author of the original act. It is the only one of the kind existing under any government. It is neither penal nor reformatory, since children convicted of crime are not received, and those only of sound mind and body are admitted

It is a home and school for the children of the poor—poverty and dependence only admitting them.

Such children as are now provided for by this noble charity, were formerly in the county poor houses, associated with adults—diseased, idiotic, insane and immoral—and there they often learned the first lessons in crime. The idea of the author of the act was to remove these innocent children guilty of no offense, already dependent upon the state for support, gather them in one school, giving them the benefit of almost parental care, and the advantage of a common school education. The merit of this system, aside from its humanity, lies largely in its preventive effects. Such children, now so happily provided for, almost inevitably became criminals, and at a much larger expense were maintained in prisons and reform schools—hence the system joins economy with humanity.

The buildings are on the cottage plan. There are eight cottages, with about thirty inmates each, making a present capacity of two hundred and forty. These cottages are essentially homes, presided over by a lady cottage manager, whose duties are those of a mother. All the children attend school in rooms in the main building and are taught the common English branches. Those of a suitable age are instructed in many industrial pursuits.

The institution is thoroughly equipped with a hospital and resident physician, a cottage for the little ones, and a kindergarten where the younger scholars are taught by a trained teacher. The play grounds are ample, and a happier family of children is seldom seen.

As opportunities occur homes are found for them, but even in those homes, they are still largely under the supervision of the Institution. This is done through agents appointed by the state. Such agents must certify that the proposed home is a proper one, and in all indentures the right to take the child back is reserved, if in the opinion of the Board of Control, to do so is for the best interest of the child.

The whole career of the child, from the time it becomes a ward of the state until it reaches majority, is carefully watched, and all its interests jealously protected by its guardian, the state. The contracts placing them in homes, insures to them the same "good treatment as a member of the family," three months of schooling each year in the district school, and to be taught the occupation of the guardian.

This scheme has proved eminently successful and satisfactory to the legislature and people of the state.

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## Brief Sketches

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### BRANGH GOUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE GITIZENS.

D. C. Allen & Co., hardware dealers of Coldwater, organized January 1, 1890, successors to J. T. Star, the business being founded by Messrs. Barlowe & Star. Mr. D. C. Allen is a native of Branch Co. and was engaged in farming until 1890, when in company with D. S. Greenamyer he organized the firm of D. C. Allen & Co.. They do a general hardware business, also tin roofing and troughing, manufacturing tin-ware, and are dealers in paints, oils, sash and doors, glass, etc. Mr. D. C. Allen has served the people as a member of School Board of Coldwater. Mr. Allen is a member of I. O. O. F. and K. of P. Mr. Greenamyer is a member of A. O. U. W.

Allen, Frank A., our subject, was born in Cuyuga Co., New York Sept. 14, 1854. He came to Union City when sixteen years of age and found employment as clerk in a grocery store. Later in life he engaged in real estate business. He has held a position of Deputy Sheriff for several years and has also ably filled the office of City Marshal and Constable for seven years. He was married in New York to Miss Josephine L. Welsh in 1879. He is the father of one child, Clinton G. He and his wife are both members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Allen is one of the successful business men of Union City and is the owner of a pleasant home one mile from the city.

Ammerman, Albert E. was born in the town of Bethel, Branch Co., Michigan April 3, 1855, where he has resided since. He is a carpenter by trade, doing much work in the towns of Bethel, Kinderhook and Gilead, where the finest houses were constructed by his mechanical skill. Was married in 1884 to Miss Emma J. Bates, daughter of A. S. and Mary A. Bates of Kinderhook, and commenced keeping house near the old home where they now reside. They have had born to them three children, two sons and one daughter. He is now the Supervisor of Bethel township. The subject of our sketch is a son of William T. Ammerman, who was born in Sussex Co., N. J., May 15, 1824. He came to Fulton Co., Ohio, in the year 1847, where he was married to Betsey Draper in 1850, coming to Michigan a few weeks later, first living in Ovid, moving two years later to Bethel where he resided until his death, March 12, 1893.

Anderson J. H., M.D., Girard Township. The subject of this sketch has been practicing medicine five years in the present location. He does a general practice and has a large and increasing business.

Avery, Enice J., Dr., the only lady physician of Branch Co., is a native of Howsdale Pa.; was raised and educated in that place and taught school in the High School at her native city for five years. Attended Hillsdale College in 1885-86. She entered the University of Michigan in 1886 in the Medical Department and was graduated from there in 1889 taking the regular course, paying special attention to the diseases of women and children; for the last year was on the medical staff of J. N. Morton, Professor of diseases of women and children; also spent summer vacation in Cook Co. Hospital of Chicago. Came to Coldwater in 1889 and accepted the position of resident physician in State School, resigning that in the following year to enter general practice. She now does a large practice in this and adjoining counties. She is a member of the State Medical Society; has been very successful and enjoys a large and growing practice.

Baad, George, farmer of Sherwood, came from Ohio in the year 1885 and purchased the N. Wilcox farm. Is the member of the M. E. Church in which he takes an active part. Owns a good farm of 125 acres, 115 of which is under cultivation.

Babcock, G. P. Mrs., resident of Quincy, was born in the state of New York, March 31, 1825. Came to Branch Co., Mich., in 1838, where she attended school. Was married to Mr. G. P. Babcock, now deceased, Nov. 29, 1846. Mr. Babcock was born in Camden, New York, Jan. 18, 1815, and died in Quincy, May 16, 1892. He came to Branch Co. in 1835 and entered the farm now owned by C. C. Sears. This he afterwards sold, then bought the homestead in 1849. Was one of the most

progressive men in Quincy and accumulated a hand-some property.

Babcock, C. G., came to Branch Co., in the year 1856, locating in the Township of Gilead and has now four hundred acres of land under the best cultivation. Has given a good deal of his time to raising and breeding live stock to which a portion of his farm is well adapted. He has been an officer in various capacities a number of years in this and Bronson Township and at present is Road Commissioner. The yield of wheat upon his farm averages eighteen bushels per acre, corn eighty bushels, with other cereals in proportion. He has made great improvements upon his land since he became the owner. Mr. Babcock came to Michigan from Portage Co., Ohio.

Babcock John, resident of Quincy was born November 16, 1850, on Sec. 24, where he now resides. Is a son of G. P. and Elizabeth (Craft) Babcock. He has worked on his farm, and dealt in live stock all his life. Was married to Miss Lucy Clark, Jan. 19, 1873, whose native home was in Otsego Township, Steuben Co., Ind. They have three children, all girls, now living and two children deceased. Is a feeder and shipper of live stock and is a director in National Bank at Quincy.

Ball Bros.' planing mill and sash door and blind factory. They were started by Whitcomb and Holton, and later in 1866 Mr. E. Ball became connected with the business and changed the firm to Ball & Major, running such until fall of 1871 when the firm was made Ball Bros.' The firm is well known and has many friends in the county.

Barlow, H. H. was born in Berry Co., Michigan. Educated in schools of that county and completed his education by a course in the University of Michigan, graduating from there in 1870. Was made Supt. of Public Schools at Hastings, Mich., began the study of law in 1872, admitted to the bar in the following year and has followed that profession since, being one of the recognized leaders of the bar.

Bates, Alfred S., resident of Kinderhook Tp. was born in the town of Starkey, Yates Co., New York, Aug. 30, 1819. His father Hiram Bates was born in the city of Providence, R. I., and moved to the state of New York in early manhood. His occupation was that of carpenter and millwright; his last years were spent in Lima, Livingston Co., New York, where he died April 14, 1828. The subject of this sketch was in his 9th year when his father died and left a family of six children in poor circumstances and a feeble wife and mother. It was by many hard struggles that the mother kept the children together. When grown to manhood, Alfred and his mother emigrated to Michigan in 1848, where he had a farm of eighty acres already purchased in the beautiful Tp. of Kinderhook where he has since resided adding more to his farm until now he has a very fine one and nice commodious buildings.

He is the father of twelve children, having been married three times. His first wife was Miss Mary Smith to whom he was married April 4th, 1852. This noble wife and mother was suddenly called home April 16, 1868, leaving him with six children, one child dying in infancy. His second wife was Jane M. Grey to whom he was married Dec. 27, 1868, and by whom two boys were born. She was called home Dec. 24, 1873. He was again married Jan. 14, 1877, to Miss Amanda Bender of Bethel, Michigan, where she was born Jan. 10, 1854. Three children have been born to this union, two boys and one girl. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have a pleasant home surrounded with life's comforts. What more can they ask?

Beardsley, E. E., Bronson. There is perhaps no better known place in Branch Co., than the Beardsley Stock farm, (situated three miles from Bronson, on the L. S. & M. S. Ry.) or few better known men than its genial proprietor, Mr. E. E. Beardsley, who first began breeding fast horses in the year 1883. He has adhered principally to the Hambletonian strain, and has won the distinction of having bred and raised some of the fastest horses the country has known, among them being such as Phoebe Wilkes, with a record of 2:11, but has made

miles in better than 2:10. The well known pacer Rocker with a mark of 2:11 is another production of his farm, also a large list of others such as Prime, 2:24-3-4, Slipper, 2:28, Ripton, 2:30, as a three-year-old, Panclare 2:28, and several other 2:30 performers. Mr. Beardsley's leading stock horses now are Ben Harrison and Garrick, which have both produced abundance of speed. The farm has a well equipped half mile track upon which is handled from fifteen to twenty colts each year for speed. The barns are well arranged and all the modern conveniences of a well regulated stock farm are to be found there. Mr. Beardsley is also the proud owner of one of the finest farm homes in Michigan, as the cut to be found in this publication will show, it having been erected at the cost of over \$10,000. The farm embraces nearly a thousand acres of the best land in Branch Co., and sustains several head of horses and colts. Mr. Beardsley also does general farming in connection with stock raising, is one of the leading farmers in the Co. He looks to the eastern cities mostly for his market, many of his best horses finding their way into New York City and Boston. He has earned the reputation of being able to pick out a "good one," and his judgement is respected and sought after by his associates in business. He is a native of the state of Connecticut, but has been a resident of Branch Co., since 1870.

Beck, Martin J., farmer residing in Gilead Township, is a native of Akron, Ohio, coming to Branch Co. in the year 1880, locating on Sec. 9, Gilead Township, where he has since resided, following the occupation of farmer, and importer of fine bred sheep. He is an importer of the Shropshire family both in male and female, from such breeders as Milton and Evens of England. They are the finest flock in Branch Co., and has taken the premiums in all the surrounding counties for the past eight years. His home is surrounded with all the comforts of life, his farm being one of the best in the .county.

Becker, Jeremiah, farmer, residing at Quincy, was born in Schoharie Co., New York, July 11th, 1831, lived there until eight years of age, then went to Ontario Co., New York, and lived with his parents until 15 years of age, and then worked at blacksmithing eight years. Came to Branch Co., Mich., and worked at his trade until about fifteen years ago, when he bought his farm upon which he now lives. He served through the war as soldier in 9th New York heavy artillery. While in Ontario Co., New York, he was married to Miss Jane McGraw. He is a member of the G. A. R., and of the County Detective Association. Mr. and Mrs. Becker are the parents of five children.

Bennett, James, farmer in Matteson Township, came from New York in the year 1867, and located on the farm where he now lives. He has an excellent farm of eighty acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation.

Bennett, Ray, of the firm of C. C. Bennett & Son, Bronson, butchers and general shippers of live stock. The firm has been one of the leading dealers in their line. The father, C. C. Bennett, began before the railroad was built, driving his stock overland through New York, and has handled more stock than any man in the Co. In the year 1881 the son was taken into the firm. March 15, 1883, they established a butchering business in Bronson, and have been quite successful. Their place of business is on Matteson St., they also own a farm in the township where the elder Bennett resides.

Bickford, Stephen, farmer residing in Algansee Township, was born in Huron Co., Ohio, in Dec. 1823, where he lived until thirteen years of age, coming to the town of Algansee in 1836. He is one of the pioneers of this county, Indians and wild game being plentiful at the time he became a resident of the county. His father, Daniel Bickford, was a native of Boston, N. H. The subject of this sketch was married to Lucy J. Whaley. There has been born to this union two daughters, one of whom is still living. Mr. Bickford owns one hundred and sixty acres of land upon section 29, and seventy-nine and one-half acres upon section 30.

Bidelman, E. A., proprietor of the Palace Livery

Feed and Boarding Stable of Coldwater, Mich., is a native of the county, his parents being among the pioneers of the county. He was educated in the county schools, and was engaged in farming for several years. In 1880 he came to Coldwater, and in company with his father purchased a livery stock on the lot now occupied by them. In 1889 they erected a fine brick stable, 116 feet front, and over 100 feet deep. In 1889 Mr. H. N. Bidelman retired from the business, and it has since been conducted by the subject of this sketch, who does an extensive business in his line.

Billings, E. N., real estate dealer of Bronson, was born and reared on a farm, came from his native county, Allegany, N. Y., west at the age of twelve, and is practically a western man. Served as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion for three years, being in the Miss. Squadron of the U. S. Navy. After the war he spent several years on the road, when he married and settled on a farm near Bronson. In 1882 came to Bronson and established a furniture and undertaking business in that village. In I884 he disposed of his business, went to Coldwater and formed a partnership with A. R. Brown in the same line but sold out the year following. Has been in real estate business in the states of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan until recently, when he embarked in clothing, dry goods, boots and shoes in Bronson, by purchasing of Milo Clark a business building on Chicago St., where he expects to make a permanent business. Is a member of the Baptist Church, also of various fraternities of Branch Co. Is Past Noble Grand of the I O. O. F., member of Jacobs Commandery No. 10, of Coldwater, also of G.A.R.

Billings, D. L., one of the leading farmers and stock owners of Sherwood Township. He is a native of the township, and lives on the farm where he was born. Is owner of 282 acres, 180 of which is under cultivation. Has good modern buildings, resides four miles northeast of Sherwood, four miles west of Union City. Has filled the office of Township Treasurer.

Bingham, Frank O., gas fitter, plumber, steam fitter and sewer pipe dealer of Coldwater, successor to the firm of Bingham & Allen, is a native of Coldwater, raised and educated in the city. Learned the trade of plumbing and gas fitting when young, following the business as a journeyman for ten years; began business for himself in 1891 in company with J. E. Allen, and on March 1, 1893, purchased the interest of his partner since which time he has conducted it alone. Has been very successful, and enjoys a large and growing business. Is a member of the K. O. T. M. and F. & A. M.

Blackman, E., M. D., is a graduate of the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, and has been in active practice for twenty-seven years, seventeen of which has been in the village of Quincy. Dr. Blackman has been supervisor and director on the School Board for sixteen years, is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. Was married to Miss Melinda Morehouse at Saratoga, N. Y., in 1886, and to this union has been born four children, two boys and two girls. The Doctor owns a fine residence proporty at Opinov

Blodgett, U. & Son, furniture dealers of Coldwater, founded by Mr. U. Blodgett in 1849. He is a native of New York, came to Michigan in 1845, and to Coldwater in 1849, when he started a cabinet shop which has since been enlarged to its present capacity. The firm sells goods to parties throughout this and adjoining counties, and is now one of the oldest business houses in Coldwater

Bonney, A. R., was born in Batavia in the year 1858. Married in June, 1883. Was in Oberlin College from the fall of 1876 to 1882, where he took a classical course and then taught school one year, and then moved on the place where he now resides in the year 1884, where he has a nicely improved home. He has been the Township Clerk for three terms, discharging his duty well; is a member of the County School Examiners; has been an earnest worker in the Sabbath Schools as Secretary and Superintendent. Has also been Secretary for Gilead Grange three years, and Master of the same two years.

Boughton, Warren, of the firm of Nichols & Boughton, successors to C. A. Bartlett, keep on hand all kinds of lumber, lath, shingles, lime, cements, rock, barrel, agricultural and dairy salt, and all kinds and grades of coal. He also has a fine farm of one hundred acres, northeast of Bronson. The firm is doing a very nice business in their line.

Bower, M. A., is Bronson's veterinary surgeon. This gentlemen has been a resident of Branch Co. all his life except nine years which was spent in Indiana; has been in practice thirteen years, and is known all over the county. He goes to Burr Oak, Sturgis, Orland, Sherwood, Collon, in fact all surrounding towns; has been in Bronson seven years, office on Matteson St., north of Clark House; answers all calls night or day, has some of the best horses in the state under his care and has been successful. He is one of those genial

gentlemen, always interested in all enterprises; has frequent calls from other veterinaries in consultation; his judgment is considered of the very best. Always has a good supply of medicine on hand and has a fine collection of bones, showing diseases that horses are subject too, to be seen at all times free of charge. He makes no charge for consultation with professional men.

Brainard & Perry, dealers in groceries and provisions, also farmers' supplies and machinery. The business was founded by M. W. Brainard in 1886. He is a native of New York, came to Branch Co. in 1836, and prior to engaging in business in Coldwater was in business in Quincy He came to Coldwater in 1871, and employed himself in manufacturing furniture, some time later in retail business, following it up to the time of entering his present business. The firm does a large business through the entire county. Mr. Brainard has served as Treasurer of Algansee Township, also as Assessor for first ward of Coldwater. Has been successful as a business man, and enjoys a large and growing trade.

Braman, Stephen V., was born in Eric Co., N. Y., Dec. 29, 1832; lived there until he was ten years of age, then came with his father to Camden Township, Hillsdale Co., Mich.; then in 1853 went to Williams Co., Ohio; returned from there to Hillsdale Co., Mich., in 1855, and in 1858 moved to Algansee Township, and located his present home of one hundred acres of section 28. Was married to Anna Hawes of Loraine Co., Ohio; she was born June 17, 1838. The subject of this sketch has eighty acres of his farm under cultivation, his wheat yield is eighteen bushels per acre; corn, fifty bushels. Belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and is the member of the G. A. R. Post No. 2. He enlisted in Company C, 195th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. He has held some of the offices of this township.

Branch, J. B. & Co. There is no better known or finer arranged dry goods house in southern Michigan than that of J. B. Branch & Co. Their business was established in 1877 by Messrs. J. B. Branch and J. S. Barber, who succeeded to the business formerly operated by Woodward, Barber & Co. The business now occupies three floors 45 x 80 feet besides the basement, also annex 16 x 60 feet which is used as a cloak department. They carry a complete line of dry goods, carpets, millinery, dress making, etc., doing an extensive business throughout this and adjoining counties. Mr. . B. Branch, who has the management of this large business, is a native of New York State, and is recognized as the foremost dry goods merchant in southern Michigan. The tasty manner in which this immense store is arranged has been one of the causes of its success. The firm now employs from twenty-five to thirty clerks and in some of the busy seasons of the year nearly twice that number.

Brehm, John H., farmer, resident of Kinderhook Tp., is a native of Erie Co., Ohio, from whence he came in 1857. He worked at various occupations until 1879, when he was married to Miss Mary Brown of Kinderhook Tp., on Christmas day. During the next year they moved onto the farm on section 19 where they now reside. Through industry and strict application to their occupations they have acquired a nice home.

Brooks, Henry, farmer, residing five miles south and west of Bronson, came into the state Sept. 18, 1836, when 9 years of age, and has continuously resided in the state since then. He located upon the farm where he now resides in the year 1853, it being at that time all wild land. As a result of Mr. Brook's energetic and industrious nature he is now owner of two hundred acres of finely improved land adorned with good buildings. He has served the people of his township in various public offices, having been the first drain commissioner of the township, assessor for his school district eighteen years and also has served on the board of review.

Brooks, Chauncy H., was born in St. Joseph Co. Mich., March 9, 1839, at the age of ten years he moved with his mother, his father having died before his birth, to La Grange, Co., Ind., stayed there five years, and then moved with his mother to the state of Wisconsin, where he remained five years, and then returned to La Grange Co., Ind. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in the first company that started from La Grange, Co., and went to Indianapolis, but the company was rejected on account of the quota being filled. He returned with the company to La Grange where they disbanded, and returned home. He enlisted again in 1862 in company G, 30 Reg. Ind. Vol. Infantry, fought through the battles of Stone River, Liberty and Hover Gaps, and was wounded at Chickamauga Sept. 19, 1863. Was discharged from the service Dec. 28, 1863. Was married Nov. 29, 1863, to Miss Rachel A. Newman, while home on furlough, and resided in Indiana eleven years, he then moved on the farm, he now occupies in Gilead township on Sec. 1, and 12; has

a good farm and the best of farm buildings. Mr. Brooks has held various offices in the township, serving as Highway Commissioner four years, Treasurer four years, Supervisor three years, also took census of 1890, and was School Assessor for fifteen years in succession.

Brown, A. A., was born in Jamestown, Steuben Co., Ind., in the year 1861. Was married in 1883, to Miss Linnie Walter. Soon after marriage they moved to Gilead township on Sec. 19 where theyhave since resided. Mr. Brown is a farmer of good judgment and has prospered. There has been born to them two children Verbia and Theo.

Brown, A. R. & Co., successors to Brown & Burrows, furniture dealers and undertakers, also manufacturers of fine furniture. The business was founded in 1842, by Messrs. Molton & Mason. Mr. A. R. Brown began in the undertaking and furniture business in 1863 at Coldwater, and has followed it continuously since that time. In 1885 he associated with him Mr. A. R. Burrows under the firm name of Brown & Burrows, which existed until 1893. Mr. Brown has at one time been interested in the furniture factory of this city. He has served the people as alderman from the first ward for four years. He has been successful in business and has a large and growing trade.

Brown, Charles D., was born in the town of Canterbury, Windham Co., Conn., in the year 1815, and moved from there in the year 1825 to the state of New York, living there until 1841, when he moved to Ovid; he lived there until 1861, when he moved on Sec. 3, Kinderhook township where he has since resided. Was married in 1839, to Miss Hannah Hoyt, daughter of Jesse Hoyt. They are the parents of six children, who are all living. Mr. Brown has improved a fine farm of one hundred and seventy acres, where he is nicely situated.

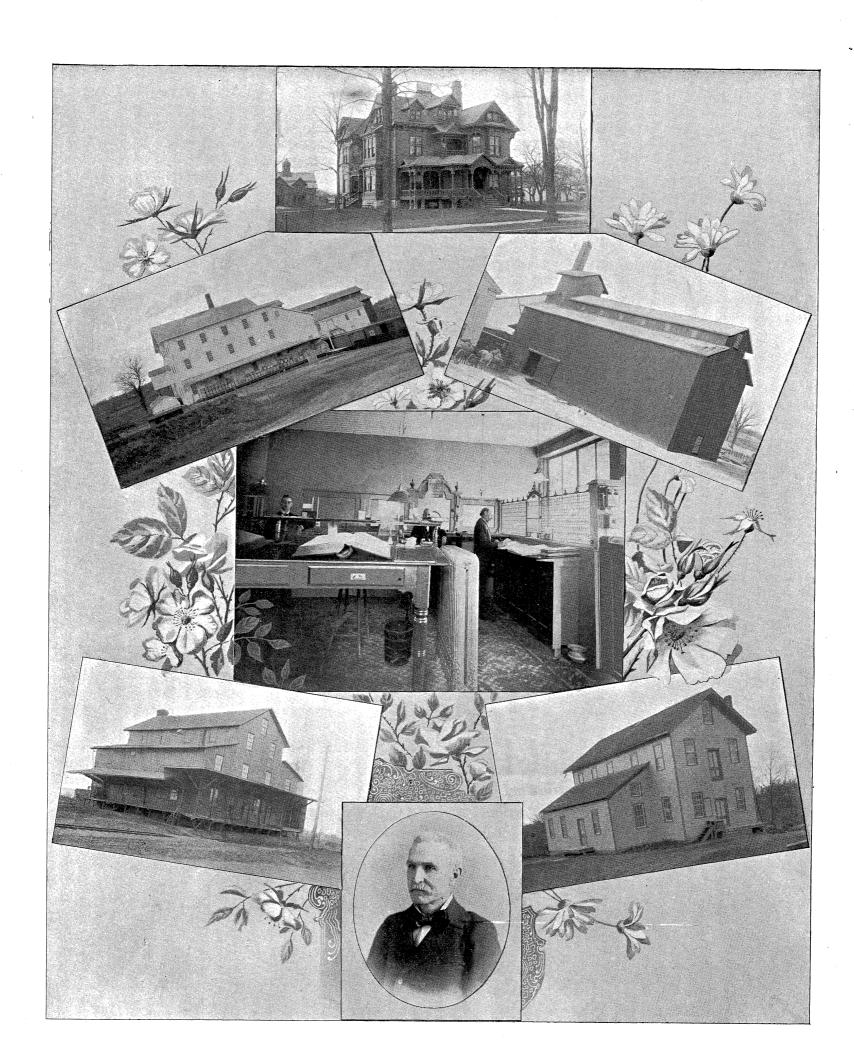
Buggie, J. H. & Co., clothing merchants, tailoring, etc. Business founded in 1848, by F. V. Smith. Has been conducted by J. H. Buggie & Co., for the past eight years. Is one of the leading business firms of the city.

Caley, C. C., farmer, residing on Sec. 6 Quincy Tp., was born in Lake Co., Ohio, Jan. 10, 1839, where he lived until 1862, when he entered the Union Army with the 105th Ohio Vol. Inf., and went to the front in August, serving until the close of the war. He was wounded at Perrysville, Ky., and still carries a rebel bullet received at that time. After returning from the war he lived in Mentor, Ohio, nearly three years, and then moved to Branch Co., in the year 1868. Was married Aug. 1, 1862, to Miss Juliette H. Carpenter, and has four children living, one son dead. Mrs. Caley died April 12, 1889. During his service in the army, Mr. Caley was taken prisoner but was paroled shortly after. He is a member of the G.A. R., Butterworth Post 109, Coldwater.

Calhoon, Merit C. The subject of this sketch is one of the substantial farmers of Branch Co., born in Noble township, on section 12 in the year 1849, where he has continuously resided. Mr. Calhoon was united in marriage in the year 1874, to Miss Eliza J. Lane who is also a native of Noble township. His entire life has been devoted to farming, and through industry and close attention to his occupation he has succeeded in building up one of the finest homes in Branch Co. He is well known and respected throughout the entire county.

Calkins & Co., Coldwater, consisting of B. H.Calkins and W. A. Coombs, stave and barrel factory. Their factory was erected in the year 1873, by B. H. Calkins, M. M. Calkins and Ex-Sheriff L. B. Johnson. Their work consumes about six thousand cords of timber, producing about two million staves and five hundred thousand sets of heading, and the capacity has since been doubled. They have added to it the manufacturing of pork barrels, making thirty thousand of them per year, which find a market in Chicago. Mr. Calkins and partners conducted the business alone until the fall of 1888, when Mr. Coombs became interested. Mr. Calkins is a native of Ohio, coming into Branch Co., in 1848. He has served the people in different public offices. When he became of age he served for five years as member of the Board of Supervisors for Butler township. When he moved to Coldwater, he served on the Board of Education for four years, also three terms as Mayor of the city, at the present time serving on the last term. He is one of the pioneer lumbermen of Coldwater, and is well known over the entire county and state. He has been successful in business and is respected by all who know him.

Camp, Edwin L., was born in Ashland county, Ohio, March 13, 1851, and two years later his parents moved to the township of Algansee. His father was Isaac Camp, a native of Connecticut, and died in Algansee in the year 1890. His mother was Frances A. Vermilya, born in the state of New York in the year 1830, and is still living. The subject of our sketch married Mrs. Nettie Ping; her father was John Myers,



"A" Mill
"B" Mill

Residence
View of Office
W. A. Coombs

Elevator "C" Mill

PROPERTY OF W. A. COOMBS, COLDWATER, MICH.

born in Pennsylvania, her mother was Sarah De Puy born in the state of New York. He owns eighty-four acres of fine producing farm land, and engaged in general farm business. Is a member of the Detective Horse Association.

Campbell & Johnson, law firm, consisting of Milo D. Campbell and Clayton C. Johnson, established in Dec. 1887, the business prior to that time having been conducted by Mr. Campbell, who is a native of Quincy, Mich., is a graduate of Ypsilanti Normal School, read law in Coldwater under Loveridge and Barlow, was admitted to the bar in 1877, and has practiced here since that time; served from 1887 to 1891 as private secretary for Gov. C. G. Luce, and is now a member of the State Board of Inspectors, also a member of the Pardon Board being chairman of the same. Was a member of the Legislature of 1885; 1872 to 1874, served as Supt. of Public schools for Branch Co., and as Secretary of Board of School Examiners for Branch Co. for four years 1882 to 1882. Is a Director of The Coldwater National Bank and stockholder in Quincy National Bank. Clayton C. Johnson is also a native of Michigan, born and raised in Branch Co., was educated in the schools of the county. Read law with Messrs. Campbell and Newberry; admitted to the bar January 12, 1888, and formed partnership with Mr. Campbell at once, which still exists. In 1886 was elected member of Board of School Examiners, for Branch Co. serving two terms. In 1888 was elected to Board of Education for city of Coldwater serving two terms. In 1892 was elected Circuit Court Commissioner for the county, and is now filling that office. They have been successful and stand at the head of their profession.

Chamberlain, W. G., farmer of Matteson township. Came to Branch Co. with his parents in the year 1850, and two years later moved to the farm, where he grew to manhood, and it has since been his home. He entered ed the Union Army at the age of thirteen, and served in the Mississippi squadron three months, when he wassent home because of his age. In 1864, he again enlistin Company I, 28th, Michigan Regiment, serving undetached duty.

Champion & Champion, leading law firm of Coldwater, consisting of John R. and Charles U. Champion. The business was founded by Mr. John R. Champion in about the year 1873. He is a native of the state of New York, coming to Coldwater with his parents when but a child. He received his early education in the schools of the county, and began the study of law in the year 1859. He afterward graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Began practice in 1861 but entered the Union Army, serving as a soldier for some years, and afterwards engaged in mercantile pursuits in Coldwater, until about 1873, when he resumed the practice of law alone until 1888 when his son, Charles U. was taken into the business with him. Charles U. Champion is also a graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan. They do a general business in their line, and stand at the head of their profession, enjoying more than an ordinary practice. John R. Champion was for two years (1891-93) a member of the Central board of Control of Charitable Institutions. He has also served the people as Prosecuting Attorney for two years; for three terms as Mayor of the city of Coldwater, and other minor positions.

Chase, William H., was born in Kinderhook, November 17, 1860, and has remained there since, with the exception of five years, during which time he resided in Bethel township. Was married in the year 1881, to Miss Alice Butts, of the same township, where they now reside. He is engaged in general farming business, owning a fine farm producing all kinds of grain, also gives some attention to raising horses and cattle. His farm buildings are modern, and he also possesses modern machinery. They are parents of two children. Mr. Chase was Postmaster at Bethel four years under the administration of Benjamin Harrison.

Chiesman, W. B., is a druggist at Sherwood, successor to W. R. Mandigo & Co., purchasing their stock of drugs, books and stationery, in 1891. He has since added largely to the different lines kept by them, besides refitting the store entirely with new and modern fixtures, making of it a first class and complete drug store. He came from DeKalb Co., Ind., where he had been engaged as a general merchant. Is a thorough business man, and enjoys the confidence of the people. In 1892 and 1893 he was Treasurer of the village.

Clarke, E. R., founder of the firm of E. R. Clarke & Co., engaged in general groceries and drug business in Coldwater. He is a native of New York, coming to Michigan in 1834, and settled in Lenawee county. He removed to Branch county in 1850, and founded the business of the above named firm, having had active management of it since that time until recently, when his two sons, Morris G. and Ralph E., took charge.

Mr. Clarke has taken an active interest in the business of Branch county. Is one of the directors of the Southern Michigan National Bank, and a stockholder in other banks. He has been successful in business, and is well known and respected.

Clark, Henry C., attorney at law, was born in Coldwater May 17, 1843. Is the son of O. B. Clark, a native of New York who became a resident of Branch Co. in 1835, and who continued to reside here until his death. During his life he was extensively engaged in banking, milling and general merchandising. Our subject was educated first in the schools of Coldwater, and completed his education by a course in the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, graduating from the law department in the spring of 1865. He was admitted to the Branch county bar in the same year of his graduation and at once formed a partnership with ex-Lieutenant Gov. George A. Coe, and began the practice of his profession in Coldwater. That partnership existed until the death of Gov. Coe. Our subject then continued the practice alone until 1870, when he retired for five years, entering it again in 1875. In 1885 he again retired, and accepted a position in the west for a New York house. In November, 1893, he once more began the practice of his chosen profession. He served the people of the city of Coldwater as alderman and is well known throughout the county.

Cline, J. L., resident of Union township, is engaged in the business of general farming, his farm being located upon section 18. He also devotes considerable attention to the breeding of high grade horses, having at present a fine lot of about twenty head; many of them from the best stock in the country. Mr. Cline is a thorough and progressive farmer.

Clizbe, Gilbert, was born in Quincy, Mich. May 16 1844, went to LaPorte Co., Ind., in 1860; after six years residence there he returned to Quincy, residing there until 1881, then took possession of his present farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres on sections 33 and 37. His father, Hiram Clizbe, was a native of Steuben Co., N. Y., his mother, Lavina Bullard, was a native of til the close of war; most of the time was detailed on. Orleans Co., N.Y. Our subject has been married twice, his first wife being Susan Engells, by whom six children were born. His second wife was Ella Newberry. Mr. Clizbe gives his whole attention to farming pursuits and produces crops averaging with the best. He is supervisor of his township, holding the office for two terms. The present Mrs. Clisbe is a member of the Baptist church. From his second marriage two children have been born.

Clizbe, Stephen H., Dr., born in 1845, is the leading physician of Coldwater. Is a native of Quincy township, Branch Co., educated at the schools of the state, completing his education in the University of Michigan, graduating from that institution in the year 1868. In the same year he began the practice of medicine at Gerard in Branch Co., where he remained eleven years, coming to Coldwater in 1879, and has practiced in this city since that time. He is a stockholder and director of the Branch Co. Savings Bank. He has devoted his entire time to the practice of his profession and for some time has stood at the head.

Cogan, Peter, Quincy, Mich., proprietor of Pleasant Ridge summer resort and hotel. This resort is one of the most pleasant in the states of Michigan or Indiana. Has a large and well furnished hotel and stables in connection; a large number of pleasure boats and all kinds of good fishing tackle. It is situated on Marble Lake in Quincy township, and connected with numerous lakes, easy of access, all of which are well stocked with bass, pickerel and endless number of smaller fish. It is the sportsman's paradise of Southern Michigan. A fine steamboat plies the lakes and lands at his pier. Grounds are large and well shaded; has good bathing facilities, in fact is a picturesque and healthy resort, well managed by its genial proprietor.

Coldwater National Bank. Few, if any, banking houses of Southern Michigan are better known than the Coldwater National Bank. It was organized May 30, 1865, with a capital stock of \$100,000. Mr. Henry C. Lewis was the first president, David B. Dennis vice president, George Star cashier. There have been some changes in the officers of the bank, both in management and directors. The present officers consist of L. M. Wing, president; D. B. Dennis, vice president; L. A. Jackson, cashier, and H. R. Saunders, assistant cashier. The capital stock still remains at \$100,000, with a surplus of \$51,000. This bank pays four per cent. interest on all time deposits, and is equipped with the most modern burglar-proof safe and fire-proof vaults.

Compton, William H., present prosecuting attorney of Branch Co., was born in Ontario Co., N. Y., in 1842, came to Bronson, Michigan, at the age of four years, and was raised in that village. He received his education in the schools of the county, and completed it by a course at the University of Michigan, graduating from the law department in 1862, and was admitted to the bar in the same year. Immediately after admittance to

the bar he enlisted in the 9th Michigan Battery, and served nine months, when he was discharged on account of disability. He then moved to Minnesota, and in 1864 again enlisted in the 2nd Minnesota Battery, and served thirteen months or to the end of the war. He then returned to Bronson, Mich., and began the practiceof law, and has followed it continuously in Branch Co. since that time. During his residence in Bronson he ably filled the office of city clerk for six years, and township clerk for ten years, also as director of the Bronson schools for four years. In 1890 he was nominated by the Republicans for prosecuting attorney, but was defeated by E. E. Palmer by 672 votes. In 1892 he was renominated and elected over Mr. Palmer by 317 votes. He is now filling this office to the entire satisfaction of the people of the county.

Conklin, James D., was born in Monroe Co., N. Y. in the year 1827, where he lived twenty-six years and moved to Branch Co. in 1854, marrying Miss Mary Wolfe in the same year. He first settled in the town of Ovid, living there ten years when he moved to the town of Kinderhook, where he now resides in one of the best houses in the county, and has the best barn in Branch county. All of his improvements and machinery are of the best kind. He has served the people one term as Justice of the Peace, three years as Clerk, ten years as School Director, and Treasurer one term. He is a man of good business ability and well respected.

Cooley Wilson J., one of the early settlers of Branch county, was born in Canada in the year 1819, residing in his native country until the year 1834, when he came to Branch county and engaged later in farming pursuits following it until his death. He was successful as a farmer, accumulating a large fortune. Took an active interest in the development of the county and was considered one of its ablest men. He was married in Coldwater and was the father of three children. He died in the year 1885.

Coombs, William A., is one of the most extensive mill owners in Southern Michigan. He began milling in 1877 at Coldwater. He then purchased the Crippen mill from Mr. E. R. Clark. In 1882 he changed it from a stone mill to the roller process with a capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels per day; was run as such for one year, when it was enlarged to a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels per day. In 1886 he again increased it to three hundred and fifty barrels, and refitted it with the most modern and expensive machinery. In 1887 he purchased from Johnson, Starr & Co. their mill of three hundred barrels capacity, also the Kerr Bros. mill of one hundred barrels capacity, those being his competitors. He at once remodeled these mills increasing their capacity, and in 1891 he again enlarged the capacity of the Crippen mill to four hundred barrels per day, remodeling its machinery throughout. This mill is now run night and day the year round. The flour is of a high grade and is sold over the entire country.

Mr. Combs is also a partner in the Calkins & Co. stave, heading and cooperage works, one of the largest in the state. He also does an extensive business in field seeds, and in that particular line does the largest business of any firm in the state outside of Detroit. Mr. Coombs has other business interests in and about Coldwater, and enjoys a reputation of being one of the most thorough business men in the northwest. He seems to find a special delight in paying the farmers the highest prices that the market will warrant for their products, and is always ready to buy. His large and growing business is conducted in such a manner as to enhance the interests of all the farmers living in the surrounding country. In 1893 he greatly increased his facilities for business, by connecting his "A" and "B" mills with the main line of the L. S. & M. S. Railroad by over a mile of side-track, at a cost of over \$10,000.00 and by building a wheat elevator with a capacity of sixty t bushels, and Fairbanks R. R. track scales at a cost of about \$10,000.00. His record is a bright one of a selfmade man.

Corless, Isaac E., was born in Ovid Township Sept. 26th, 1856 and has lived here since. Was married March 4th, 1885 to Miss Lucy E. Follett, daughter of Reuben and Julia Follett who resides in California Township. Mr. Corless is son of Warren Corless, who was born in Canada, moving with his parents at the age of four to Branch Co., Mich. where he resided until his death February 2nd, 1879, at his homestead on Sec. 1, Ovid Tp. The subject of this sketch resides on the old homstead, where he has a beautiful home with fine improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Corless are parents of two children, Alta B. born April 9, 1888, and Warren R. born Dec. 13, 1890.

Coward, Richard, retired farmer of Bronson and one of the foremost men of the county. Has been a farmer all his life until the year 1892 when he purchased a home in Bronson, where he now resides.

Craig, Samuel, deceased, the subject of this sketch, was one of the pioneers of Branch Co., Michigan. He was born in the county of Armagh, Ireland, on Feb. 22, 1795. He was of Scotch ancestry, a Presbyterian in faith and a farmer by occupation. In 1818 emigrated to America, and in 1823 was united in marriage to Elizabeth Downs. A few years after his marriage, with his wife and three children, Mr. Craig started for the wilds of Michigan, stopping first at Detroit. There procuring an ox team, they began their overland journey for what was then known as the territory of Michigan. This journey was attended by many trials and privations, and a detailed sketch of it would prove of interest to many of the pioneers of the county, and we regret that a limited space will not allow us to embrace the same. Suffice to say that in 1831 Mr. Craig became the owner of eighty acres of land in Girard township, Branch Co., Mich., the title of this land being signed by Andrew Jackson then president of the United States and which is now held by the surviving members of his family, Mary Jane and Eliza Craig. Mr. Craig's death occurred March 2, 1874, and his wife on Dec. 22, 1876. They were the parents of six children, Mary Jane, James, David, Daniel, Samuel and Eliza. The old homestead is now owned and operated by his daughters, Mary Jane and Eliza. These ladies are successful farmers and prove that women are as capable as the other sex when given similar opportunities. They are engaged in general farming and make a specialty or dairying, producing yearly a large quantity of Gilt Edge butter.

Culp, John W., farmer. Came from Lockport, N. Y., and settled in Girard township in the year 1839, and bought the farm where he now resides in 1861. He was formerly in dry goods business in the city of Coldwater, after which he traveled as salesman for a wholesale house. Moved on his farm in the year 1873. Is at present Justice of the Peace; has been a Mason since 1853, also has been an Odd Fellow. He makes a specialty of breeding fine wool sheep. His farm is under excellent cultivation, has good farm buildings and produces more than the average yield from his crop; also grows all kinds of fruits produced in this climate.

Culver, O. B., farmer and small fruit raiser of Matteson township, now living on the farm where he was raised. He has about ten acres of small fruit and extensively produces plants, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, and various other kinds. Has filled offices of Township Clerk and Supervisor a number of years. Is owner of three hundred and twenty acres of fine farming land, two hundred acres of which is under cultivation.

Curtis, Horace, was born in Cortland county, N. Y., August 22d, 1832, lived there until 1850 when he came to Butler township and settled on his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres on Section 15, where by industry he has carved out a fine home. His father, now deceased, was born in Essex county, N. Y. His mother was Barbara A. Curtis. Our subject married Miss Wealthy Jane Woods, who was born in Cortland county, N. Y.. September 30th, 1832. From this union six children have been born. Of the one hundred and twenty acres owned by Mr. Curtis, ninety-six are under cultivation, producing full average crops. He is a member of the Board of Review and of the Farmers' Alliance, also of the F. & A. M.

David, C. Ambrose, was born December 5th, 1842, in Geauga county, Ohio, where he remained until eight years of age, when his parents came to Butler township, Branch county. Mr. David was married to Miss Jennie Faxon, of Girard township, March 14th, 1866. They are the parents of one son and two daughters, all of whom are living at home with their parents. The subject of our sketch served as soldier in the Union army during the war of the rebellion, in 1st Regiment Battery G, Light Artillery, serving three years, and during that time was engaged in the battles of Richmond, Ky., Buzzards' Roost, Atlanta, Ga., and other battles. Also was at the siege of Nashville, Tenn. Is a man highly respected by his neighbors. He makes a business of general farming. He belongs to the G. A. R., and is a member of the Grange of his township. The wife of our subject is postmistress of Paxon P. O.

Davis, J. S., Bronson, is a blacksmith by trade. After learning his trade he returned to Bronson, working at it until August, 1873, when he established his present business on Matteson street, north of the Clark House. He is owner of two good houses and lots in Bronson, is a Past Master Workman, also has filled offices of the village at different times.

Dean, Edward, resident of Girard, blacksmith by occupation. Is now carrying on the trade in the same shop where his father first started in the same business in the year 1843. Mr. Dean is an enterprising citizen and has a lucrative business.

Denham, Cornelius was born in Conway, Mass., Dec. 16, 1816, moving with his parents to Ontario county, N. Y., in the year 1818, where his father died in the year 1828. The subject of this sketch came to Butler township in the year 1865 and has resided there since. He now owns three hundred and twenty-five acres of land, two hundred and forty-five acres of which are under cultivation. He has good buildings, makes a specialty of raising fine blooded sheep and does a general farming business. He married Miss Sarah Blodgett of Ontario county, N. Y., and to this union have been born three children, one son and two daughters, all living in Branch county.

Dewsenbery, Oscar, resident of Bronson, owns a nice farm of sixty acres two miles south of Bronson. In addition to his vocation as farmer he is also dealer in agricultural implements, being agent for Arbuckle, Ryan & Co., manufacturers of farm machinery. He also follows business of threshing crops for farmers in his vicinity, owning considerable machinery for this business. He is an energetic and industrious man, respected by his neighbors.

Dobson, O. L., Quincy, Mich., engaged in the agricultural implement business about two years ago and has already built up an extensive trade. Mr. Dobson carries the Walter A. Wood binders and mowers, Dowagiac Shoe drills, Superior drills, harrows, wagons, buggies and plows. Also makes a specialty of repairs of all kinds, deals in binder twine, lubricating and illuminating oils. Has two large warehouses and is also a heavy dealer in hay, pressing and shipping large quantities to the eastern markets. Is married and has one child.

Dorrance, Albert A., present postmaster of Coldwater, Mich., is a native of the state of New York, his birthplace being in Orleans county. He finished his education in the Collegiate Institute, Brockport, N. Y. He soon after came to Detroit. In the spring of 1848 removed to Jackson, Michigan, and in 1849, being a printer, started the "Jackson Citizen," a weekly paper. At this time he was also deputy United States marshal. During the winter of 1848 and 1849 he was also a foreman of the State printing office at Lansing. Disposing of his paper to Col. Deland, after an absence of a year or more in Washington, D. C., and New York, he again returned to live in Jackson until 1869, when he came to Coldwater and purchased a drug business, in which he has continued up to the present time, now under the firm name of A. A. Dorrance & Son. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster by President Harrison, and has faithfully served the people in that capacity. It was through his efforts that the office was given a free delivery system, and has also added three daily Star routes from the office. This postoffice distributes for sixteen Star route offices. ten years during his residence in Jackson he held the office of assistant keeper of the State Prison. For about ten years since residing in Coldwater, he has served as a member of the board of education, and a part of that time president of the same. He has been quite successful in business, and commands the respect of all who know him.

Draper, O. W. The subject of this mention, Mr. O. W. Draper, is a native of Huron county. Ohio. In-1853 came to Michigan with his parents and located on the farm which he now owns. His father, Reuben Draper still resides here having reached the ripe old age of ninety-three years. Our subject, Mr. O. W. Draper was educated in the schools of this county and has been a lifelong resident of Algansee township. In 1864 he enlisted in the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters and served until the close of the war. In 1860 he was elected school inspector and served as such for two years. On his return from the war he was elected township clerk and filled that position for eight years. Again in 1879 he was elected supervisor from Algansee township and served until 1882, afterward appointed to fill the unexpired term of M. B. Wakeman, who was elected register of deeds. Mr. Draper is considered one of the solid men of Branch county. He is the owner of a good farm and has made a success of farming, his wheat yield running from eighteen to twenty bushels per acre, corn from fifty to seventy. He is one of the leading members of the G. A. R., also of the Congregational church.

Ewing & Portner, proprietors of the Coldwater Marble and Granite Works. The firm was organized by Mr. Charles Ewing and W. A. Portner in the year 1883. They do a general business in stone work and have erected some of the finest monuments in Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana besides doing a general business in stone work for public buildings, etc. Mr. Ewing, the senior member of the firm, has served the people as alderman for the second ward, and Mr. Portner, the junior member of the firm, has taken an active interest in the city

affairs, being at the present time chief of the fire department which he assisted to organize in 1886.

Fay, G. E., Quincy, was born in 1869, three miles from Quincy, attended the schools of his place and by close attention to his studies obtained a liberal education. Mr. Fay is engaged in handling well material, wind pumps, steam fittings and general plumbing business, which he established in 1891. Has a good stock and increasing trade.

Fenn, J. W., real estate and insurance, Coldwater. Established business April 1, 1893, p. evious to which time he was engaged in farming and at present, in addition to his business in this city, carries on a general farming business, managing over three hundred acres of land in Coldwater township. He is doing a general real estate business in city and farm property, also a general life and fire insurance business.

Ferguson, W. C., Coldwater, is one of the successful farmers of Branch county. He came from Newport, N. Y., in 1852. Bought the farm where he now resides, which by hard work he has made one of the best farms in Branch county. Mr. Ferguson takes a deep interest in sheep growing, the Shropshires being his favorite strain. He was married to Elizabeth Noble, thirty-nine years ago. To this union have been born three sons, all living. The subject of this sketch has expended three thousand dollars on his farm for improvements.

First National Bank, Quincy, Michigan. This is one of the best known banking houses in Branch county. It was organized in September, 1881, with a capital stock of \$50,000 and now has a surplus and undivided profits of \$20,000, making in all \$80,000. The present officers of the bank are C. H. Winchester, pres., J. H. Jones, vice-pres., C. L. Truesdell, cash. This bank has done a large and profitable business since its organization and much credit is due its efficient and genial cashier, Mr. C. L. Truesdell, whose experience in banking affairs dates back several years. He is one of the well-known men of Quincy, and the straightforward manner in which he has conducted the business has won for him many warm personal friends and the respect and confidence of the entire community.

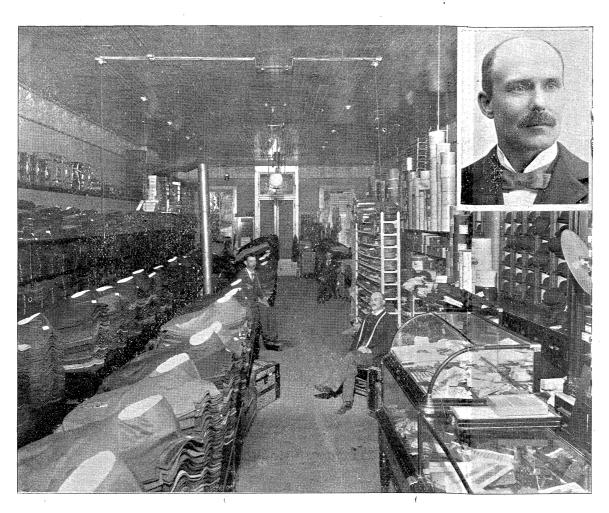
Fisk, J. D. W., Coldwater, has resided in the county since the year 1835. He is engaged as general farmer, taking considerable interest in raising small fruits and dairying. Mr. Fisk served for fifteen years as secretary of the County Agricultural Society and at the present time is president of the same. He is one of Branch county's successful men, being well and favorably known throughout the county. Since the above sketch was written Mr. Fisk has died, his death taking place in December, 1893. By his demise Branch county has lost one of its best citizens, a man highly respected by all who knew him.

Fisk, Samuel, residing in the township of Coldwater, came to Michigan in 1867 and located upon the farm he now owns, where he has since followed the occupation of general farmer. Mr. Fisk has been successful in all respects, having a large farm which is under the highest state of cultivation and with the best of improvements. He is a man highly esteemed by his neighbors who have called upon him to represent them in official capacities, having served continuously as township assessor since 1887 and is now also filling the office of supervisor of Coldwater township. He is a native of the state of N. Y.

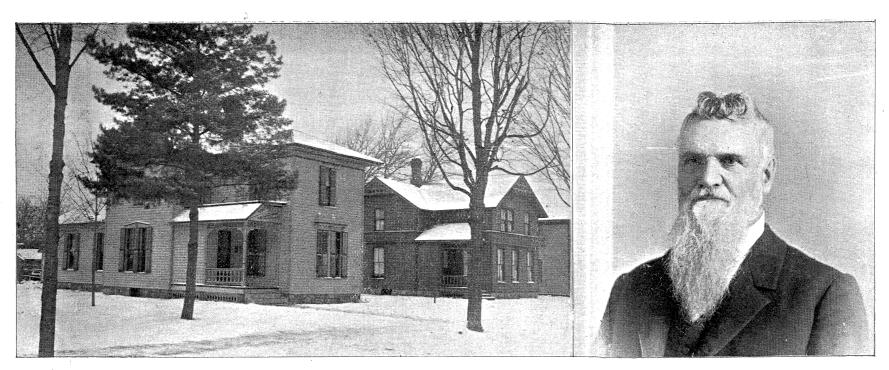
Flint, Henry P., Kinderhook, was born in the year 1848 in the township of Eckford, Calhoun county, Michigan. At the age of three years his parents moved to Kinderhook, Branch county where he has resided ever since. At the age of twenty-three, and in the year 1871 he was married to Miss Mary Ent, also of Kinderhook. They have as a result of this marriage four children, three boys and one girl, at the time of this writing all living. He has a farm of one hundred and forty acres of good land which he has cleared and improved mostly himself with comfortable buildings.

Flint, Ira A. a prosperous farmer of Kinderhook township was born in Calhoun county, Michigan, in 1847, and continued to reside in that county until he was six years of age. His parents at that time moved to Branch county, and settled in Kinderhook township on section nine. It was here our subject resided until he reached his majority. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Heroy. He then settled in Kinderhook township and has continued to reside here since that time. He has an excellent farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, beautifully situated on the bank of Flint Lake. His buildings are of modern style and well arranged for convenience. Mr. Flint has been successful as a farmer and is recognized as one of the best in Kinderhook township.

#### INTERIOR VIEW STORE OF



T. A. HILTON, THE BEST CLOTHIER, COLDWATER, MICH.



PORTRAIT AND RESIDENCE OF A. A. DORRANCE, COLDWATER, MICH.

Foglesong, Albert W., Gilead, was born in the township of Kinderhook, in the year 1851, and at the age of three years his parents moved to Gilead upon the farm where he now resides. • He was married in 1870 to Miss Nancy H. Waterhouse. He has held the office as constable for ten years, has also served as Drain Commissioner and is justice of the peace at the present time. His father was born in Richland county, Ohio, and emigrated to Branch county, Mich., in the year 1850, locating one hundred and twenty acres of land, where he resided four years and then moved to Gilead where he resided until his death which took place in 1886.

Ford, William L. Dr., practicing physician of Coldwater, is a native of the city, receiving his education in the schools of the county. Studied medicine under Dr. Clizbe of Coldwater, and completed his medical education by a course in the University of Michigan, graduating in 1891. He began the practice of his profession in Coldwater and has followed it here since. He is a member of the State Medical Society and Northern Tri-State Medical Society, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He has been successful and is well and favorably known through the country.

Fox, John P., farmer and stock raiser of Sherwood, came from Calhoun county in the year 1882 and settled on his present farm which consists of one hundred and seventy-nine acres, all good plow land, located two miles west from Union City. Has good frame buildings.

Fraser, R., M. D., of Sherwood, is a native of Canada. He took a three years course in medicine at Victoria College, Toronto, and one course at American College in Cincinnati in 1873, since that time residing in Sherwood where he has established an excellent practice in his profession. He has filled several offices of trust in the village since locating there and was also a candidate for Congress in the year 1892 on the People's ticket. He is an active public spirited man.

French, F. E., Sherwood, is a farmer and stock raiser. Is a native of St. Joseph county, Mich.; came to Sherwood township in the year 1858, to live with I. D. Beall, and has since lived on his present farm which consists of one hundred and ninety acres, one hundred and sixty of which are under plow. He is one of the leading men of the county.

French, J. W., of Sherwood, is a miller and farmer. He came from Calhoun county in the year 1882, where he had been engaged in farming, and started in the milling business, owning a grist, saw and planing mill. His principal business is manufacturing and dealing in hardwood lumber, shipping to all parts of the country. Was elected justice of the peace in the year of 1885, and has continued to serve since. Is owner of one hundred acres of land in Matteson township, ninety acres of which are under cultivation; has good new frame house and barn and besides his mill in Sherwood a fine residence and other village property.

Friedman & Co., Quincy. In the work of embracing the various industries of the eounty it is only proper that the leading industries be set forth. The dry goods trade especially is in the hands of competent parties. The house of Friedman & Co. is worthy of special mention, both from the extent of its honorable business transactions and high standing in other respects. The firm is composed of D. Friedman and Sol Friedman, both young men of pleasing address and superior business qualities. They are conducting two stores, having a branch house at Cambria in Hillsdale county. This enables them to purchase goods in larger quantities, and by so doing can purchase cheaper than their competitors. Their purchase cheaper than their competitors. location in Quincy is on the north side of Chicago street, in the Opera House block, where they have a fine and complete line of goods. They make a specialty of fine lace, curtains, dress goods, cloaks, furs, carpets, men's underwear, boots and shoes, etc. They started in the fall of 1889, and have enlarged their business to twice its original capacity and are now occupying two full store rooms. They receive mail orders from surrounding towns which speaks well for their low prices. Their stock is always fresh and well selected. The business in Quincy is managed by D. Friedman, and at Cambria by Sol Friedman. Both are obliging and honorable.

Fuller, John, residing upon section twenty-four, Noble township, was born in Huron county, Ohio, in the year 1823, where he resided until 1852. In the latter year he moved upon the place where he now resides, having lived there since he came to Michigan. He was married in the year 1847 to Miss Eliza Mallory, and to this union was born two children, Florence, born November 3, 1849, died December 4, 1878, and Ernest M., born in the year 1854.

The subject of this sketch has held the office of justice of the peace for twenty-six consecutive years, serving as such at the present time. His father, William Fuller, was born in Berkshire county, Mass., Jan. 25, 1799, moving from there to the state of New York, where he married Miss Mehitabel Botsford, a native of the state of New York, afterward moving to Sandusky, Ohio, where he died February 7, 1884, his wife having died a number of years previous.

Gallap, George O., farmer, residing upon section twenty-one, Bethel township, was born in the same township, June 15, 1861, at the old homestead, where he has resided ever since; was married, November 30, 1882, to Miss Clara A. Nelson, who was born in St. Joseph county, Mich., April 29, 1860. They are the parents of two children, both daughters. Mr. Gallap is the owner of a fine farm which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved, having a nice residence. His great grandfather, Nathaniel Gallap, emigrated to this country in 1777, and was a soldier of the revolutionary war. His grandfather, Asa Gallap, was born in the year 1794, in Rensselaer county, N. Y., moving from there to Otsego county, N. Y., and then to Erie county, N. Y., where he died in 1877. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He was the father of five sons and two daughters. James, the fourth son and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Erie county, New York, December 14, 1821, residing there until twenty-one years of age, when he moved to Branch county and settled upon section 22, Bethel township, where he resided until his death, which took place September 14, 1890. He was the father of three daughters and one son, who is the subject of this sketch.

Ganong, John B., an enterprising citizen of Quincy, is a native of Ohio, coming to Quincy eleven years ago. In 1891 he went into business, and carries a full line of plumbers' supplies, sanitary specialties, pumps, windmills, etc.; also does all kinds of repairing in his line. He has an extensive and growing trade, being well and favorably known throughout Branch county. Is also manager of "The New Quincy" opera house, and takes prominent part in most local enterprises.

Gardner, A. M. Hon., of Matteson township came from New York, with his parents at four years of age. His parents settled in Matteson township where he has since lived. In 1862 he took possession of the farm on which he now resides. When he moved onto the place it was heavy timber; he now has two hundred and forty acres of well improved land, most of which is under cultivation. He represented Branch county in the State Legislature in 1885, filled the office of supervisor for ten years and is highly respected.

Garey, Philo W., residing in Butler, was born in Litchfield, Hillsdale county, Sept. 5, 1854. October 10, 1883, he was married to Miss Minnie Rossman, of Homer, Calhoun county, who was born March 13, 1866. After being married they lived in the town of Homer until 1888 when they moved to Butler, Mr. Garey engaging in the mercantile trade. Mrs. Garey is a member of the Baptist church.

Gates, Jesse, Sherwood, is a farmer by occupation. Is a native of New York, coming from that state in 1858, locating in Union township and worked at carpenter's trade. In the year 1861 he moved to Sherwood and in 1863 settled on his present farm. Has one hundred and sixty acres of good land well improved, two good frame houses, and good barn. He has filled the office of supervisor for twelve years and is universally respected.

Gillett, S. P., farmer, residing in Algansee township, is a native of Genessee county, N. Y., where he born Sept. 23, 1818. In the following year his parents moved to Lorain county, Ohio, then in the spring of 1828 removed to Sandusky county, in the same state, where they resided eighteen years, after which they moved to Otsego township, Steuben county, Indiana, living there until 1859, when they came to Algansee township and settled upon section 30. The subject of this sketch has followed the avocation of farmer all his life and makes a specialty of raising fine Jersey cattle. His daughter, now the wife of T. J. Nixon, made one thousand pounds of butter for market from three cows of this stock, besides having plenty for family use. Mr. Gillett owns one hundred and thirty-eight acres of land, improved with good buildings. His wheat crop averages eighteen bushels per acre, corn forty bushels, and other crops in proportion. He has held some of the public offices of his township.

Globensy Bros, of Quincy county, formerly of Bankers, located in Quincy in 1890, and are owners of three hundred and twenty acres of good farm land, one hundred and sixty acres of which lies in

Quincy township, one hundred and sixty acres lying in Hillsdale county. In the year 1890 these gentlemen started a large cooper shop and mill in Quincy, and manufactured all kinds of tight barrels which they shipped principally to Cleveland, Boston and Chicago. They are breeders of fast horses and own some very fine speedy colts, sired by A. C. Fisk's famous horses.

Golden, S. M., Quincy, is a farmer and breeder of stock, taking great interest in fine horses and sheep—Hambletonians, Normans, Shropshires, Merinos being his favorites. Mr. Golden came from the state of Ohio and has resided in Quincy township since 1849. Was married to Miss Sarah Andrews in 1889, his first wife having died. Is a member of the Detective Association, being one of the charter members of the first organization.

Golden, John N., Quincy township, is handsomely situated on his farm south of Quincy and is deeply engaged in his occupation of farmer. Is interested in public improvements and a genial, wholesouled man.

Goodman, C. N., resident of Algansee township, is a native of Branch county, having been born in the township in which he now resides, December 7, 1857. Is engaged in general farming pursuits, himself and father carrying on the business in partnership. The subject of this sketch held the office of township treasurer for the years 1888 and 1889. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. George Goodman, the father of our subject, was born August 25, 1828, in Delaware county, New York, moving with his parents to Lenawee county, Michigan, when six years of age and has been a continuous resident of the state since, coming into Branch county in the year 1836.

Gorman, B. B., township superintendent of schools one year, town clerk two years, in Bethel township. Was elected supervisor in 1885 from that township, and served four years, lacking a few months. Was elected county treasurer in 1888 and filled that office four years, retiring January 1, 1893. At the expiration of his term as treasurer he was appointed under-sheriff, also deputy register of deeds and is filling those offices at this time. He was also postmaster several years at Bethel P. O.

Greenamyer, E. A., present clerk of court, county clerk and register in chancery. Is a native of the state of Ohio, born in Columbiana county, came to Michigan in the fall of 1865 and settled in Ovid township, Branch county, and engaged in farming and teaching school, following the latter vocation during the winter months. He was elected to the office of county clerk in November, 1892, for two years. He served as clerk of Ovid township in 1879 and again in 1884; also served as supervisor of same township in 1886 which office he held until his election to the present office. He was secretary of Branch county Agricultural Society in 1891–92. Has been a good officer and respected by all who know him.

Greenawald, farmer of Bronson township, came from Germany in 1864 and located at Sturgis, Mich., where he remained ten years when he moved to Branch county and purchased a farm where he now resides, two and one half miles southwest from Bronson. When he came to the farm there were scarcely any improvements. By his own industry he has built a fine brick house and a good barn.

Gripman, L. J. The subject of this sketch, Mr. L. J. Gripman is one of the well known farmers of Kinderhook township. He is a son of Linley H. Gripman of this county. His father was born in Calhoun county, Michigan in 1834. In 1860 he married Miss Jane Ferguson and in the same year removed to Branch county, purchasing a farm on section seven, Kinderhook township. His son, Mr. L. J. Gripman, had the management of this farm for some years and it was through his efforts that it was made one of the model farms of the county. He has given special attention to the breeding of a high grade of sheep and horses, is at present the owner of an exceptionally fine flock of Merino and Shropshire sheep. In horses his attention has been directed to road and track stock. He owns now one of the most promising sons of Latitude, (2:16 1/2), dam Mabel by Hambletonian Wilkes, second dam by Tom Hunter and third by Magna Charter. Mr. Gripman has by industry and close attention to business made a decided success at farming. He has taken no active part in politics and has sought no public office. He is well and favorably known throughout the county.

Gripman, Uriah, farmer, residing on section 18, Kinderhook township, was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., May 17, 1838, and in the same year his parents moved to Charleston, Kalamazoo county, Mich., thence

to Battle Creek, Mich., at which point his father died in the year 1844. Two years later his mother married John Bradley and came to Kinderhook township, locating on section 7. The subject of sketch was obliged to shift for himself at an early age, working upon farms at small wages, but taking advantage of every opportunity to acquire an education. In early manhood he would do farm work during the summer months and taught school during the winters. His first school, at the age of nineteen, was what is known as the Loon Lake school in the township of Angola, Steuben county, Indiana. He took up the trade of carpenter at which he worked in summers and continued to teach school winters up to the year 1862, when he married Francis A. Purdy, of the township of Kinderhook. In the fall of 1863 they moved to the farm upon which they now reside. He has followed the occupation of general farmer since that time and has made for himself and family a beautiful home with all of the modern improvements, surrounded by an abundance of fruit and ornamental trees in place of the tall oak that occupied the ground where the buildings now stand.

Griswold, Martin A., farmer, residing in Algansee township, was born in the same township Feb. 18, 1867 where he has resided ever since. Was married to Miss Ella Hoyt, also a native of Algansee township in 1886. Is owner of 77½ acres of land, fifty of which are under cultivation, yielding an average wheat crop of eighteen bushels per acre, and of corn, forty bushels, other farm crops in proportion. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold are active members of the M. E. Church. His father, Aaron Griswold, was a native of the state of New York, where he was born in the year 1828, residing there until 1863 when he came to Hillsdale county, Michigan, afterward moving to Algansee township, where he died in 1886.

Grube, H. A. Dr., physician of Coldwater, is a native of Indiana, born in Plymouth, Marshall county. He received his education in the schools of that city and began the study of medicine in 1888 in the University of Michigan, graduating from there in the year 1891. He is a general practitioner, with special attention to the diseases of children. He began practice in Coldwater the same year that he graduated and has continued since that time. He served one year as attending physician for the State school and two years as county physician. He gives his whole time and attention to the practice of his profession.

Guthrie, E. J., Colon, is a farmer by occupation. Is a native of the state of Ohio and came to Matteson township in 1870. He has served the people as justice of the peace for four years. He is a member of the Grange Society, also of the Farmers' Alliance.

Hall, J. C. & Son, livery, feed and sale stable, No. 158 South Munroe street, Coldwater. Mr. J. C. Hall has been engaged in the livery business in this city for over twenty-five years, giving his whole time and attention to the same, doing a general livery business. Mr. Hall has served as deputy sheriff, constable and collector for a number of years.

Harrington, Jobe, resident of Butler township, was born in Summit county, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1825, and resided there until he was twenty-two years of age when he came to Hillsdale county, Mich. He then moved again to the state of New York, but in 1875 returned to Butler township, Branch county, and purchased the farm upon which he now resides. His farm consists of eighty acres, fifty of which are under cultivation. He also has buildings of fine character. Is engaged in general farming pursuits. The subject of this sketch married Miss Sarah C. Fincher, on November 28, 1860, a native of Ogden, Monroe county, New York, born October 12, 1833. They are parents of two sons, one now living at home, the other being employed as a locomotive engineer.

Hass, George B., resident of Sherwood and engaged in farming pursuits. He is a native of St. Joseph county, coming to Sherwood in 1876, purchasing the farm upon which he now resides. His farm consists of ninety acres which is well improved, and is also owner of good farm buildings. He has filled the office of treasurer of his township, two terms also as director in the Farmers' Insurance company of Branch county. Was a member of the late Michigan 12th Infantry Vet. Vols., serving two years and five months.

Hawley, William, resident of California township, was born in Dundee, N. Y., August 29, 1843. His parents came to Michigan when he was seven years of age, settling at first in Hillsdale county, and later came into California township, which has been Mr. Hawley's residence since. Early in life he was married to Sarah Taft, now deceased, and to

which union one daughter was born. He was again married September 11, 1892, to Mrs. Emma Reed, a native of Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Hawley owns eighty acres of fine farm land and is doing a general farming business. He has held some of the offices of his township.

Herendeen, William W., resident of Quincy. is one of the enterprising business men of the village and of Branch county. He has owned and operated a livery barn for eight years and is owner of the only hearse in Quincy. Has been deputy sheriff of Branch county for three years and is still holding that position. Is the owner of some fine stock consisting of stallions and brood mares. Has a good property in Quincy. January 2, 1893, he associated himself with Mr. Barlow in the purchase of the Commercial Livery and Sales Stables and together with this gentleman is running the stables.

Hildebrand, Fred, farmer of Algansee township, is a native of Germany, born September 1, 1839. He came to this country in 1861, and came directly to Quincy. He worked by the month on a farm for two years and then rented a farm for a period of three years, at the expiration of which period he purchased his present farm of one hundred and forty-six acres on sections 15 and 16. He is very pleasantly located, having a nice home and farm buildings, enjoying in his declining years the fruits of his energy and pluck. In 1867 he was married to Charlotte Hageman, who came from Prussia when nineteen years of age. To this union were born one son now living at home, and one daughter who is the wife of Thomas Goodman in Algansee township. Mr. Hildebrand is a member of the Detective Horseman's Association of Branch county. Has held the office of treasurer two full terms, also has been a member of the Board of

Hilton, T. A., "The Best Clothier" and men's furnisher of Coldwater, came from England when a boy direct to this city. Beginning at the bottom of the ladder in a grocery store he soon began to make his mark, and by steady habits and self-perseverance climbed its full length, during which time he took up special branches of study and finished them later on with much credit to himself. After one year as station agent at Fremont, Ind., on the Fort Wayne branch he retired, and came back to Coldwater as clerk in grocery, which position he filled until the situation of accountant was tendered him by Mr. L. D. Halsted in the clothing and fur trade, who at the end of one year gave him charge of his entire business, which Mr. Hilton managed successfully for five years, and resigned to become a partner under the firm of Milnes Bros. & Hilton, which partnership expired at the end of four years by limitation, when Mr. Hilton withdrew, and soon thereafter embarked and prudentially managed abusiness of a like nature for himself. Continuing in this line for about six years, his health began to fail and forced him to retire. After closing out his stock and a few months' rest, the opportunity presented itself to purchase the clothing, hat and furnishings from Messrs. McPherson & Sons, which he has conducted for several years and is now the largest of its kind in the county, his trade extending over Branch and adjoining counties. Mr. Hilton has served the city in an official capacity with honor, and is prominent in many orders and societies for the promotion of good, and is held in high esteem as a public-spirited cit-

Himebaugh, Noah. One of the well known farmers of Noble township is the subject of this sketch, Mr. Noah Himebaugh. He is the son of Daniel Himebaugh, a native of Niagara county, N. Y. His father was one of the pioneers of Branch county, having become a resident of the county in 1836, and resided there until his death of September 5, 1891. Our subject was married at the age of thirty-three years to Miss Melissa Miller. This union was blest by one son, Elmer, who was born February 12, 1870. His wife died on December 11, 1880. Mr. Himebaugh has been a resident of Branch county during nearly his entire life, and for fifty-six years has resided on the farm he now owns. He has been successful as a farmer and his genial manner has won for him many warm friends.

Holcomb, Nettie, Mrs., resident of Coldwater, was born in Branch county in 1847. Her school days were spent in the schools of Coldwater. In the year 1868 she was married to Walter Cornell, and to them was born one child, Myrtie, still living. In the year 1875 Mr. Cornell died and in 1880 the subject of this sketch was married to Horace Holcomb. To this second union has been born two sons, Roscoe and Roy. Mrs. Holcomb is an active member of the Methodist church of Coldwater.

Hollister, A. N., farmer of Matteson township, is one of the leading men of his vicinity. Is owner of a fine farm which he moved onto in 1868, and which he now has under a high state of cultivation and improved with fine buildings. In 1881 he was elected justice of the peace and is a member of Eagle Lodge No. 124, F. & A. M. at Burr Oak.

Holmes, C. J., is one of Branch county's leading farmers who owns a fine farm of seven hundred and twenty-seven acres a short distance west of the village of Bronson. Also sixty acres within the limits of village. Mr. Holmes was born and reared on the farm where he now resides, which is well improved and upon which he has a fine home and four excellent tenant buildings.

Houck, W. J., a member of the Board of Supervisors of Branch county, is a native of that county, having been born on the farm where he now resides in Algansee township. His parents have been residents of Branch county since 1839. His father, William Houck, was a native of New York, but died here in 1869. Our subject, Mr. W. J. Houck, was educated in this county and has been engaged in farming during his entire life. His first duty as public official was that of township clerk, serving from 1884 to 1891. In 1893 he was elected Supervisor for Algansee township and is now filling that office. He is a general farmer and his farm is well adapted to grain and stock raising, the wheat yield being from 18 to 25 bushels to the acre, and corn from 35 to 70 bushels per acre. Mr. Houck's service as a county official has been very satisfactory to the public in general, and he enjoys the distinction of being the youngest member of the Board of Supervisors.

Howard, G. W., a resident of Coldwater township, was born in Albany county, New York, August 25, 1836. He came to Branch county in 1857 and worked at his trade of carpenter until March, 1862, when he enlisted in company K, 9th Michigan Cavalry, and served until the close of the war of the rebellion, since which time he has been engaged in farming, giving special attention to stock culture. He has made improvements to the amount of \$2,500 and is now one of the thrifty farmers of the county. Mr. Howard is a trusted counselor by his many friends in important business transactions, as well as a good educator with the permanent class of his community.

Howe & Legg, attorneys and counselors-atlaw. The firm consists of Charles F. Howe and Charles N. Legg, organized January 1,1893, both members having practiced their profession previous to that time. Charles N. Legg, the senior member of the firm and probate judge of the county, is a native of New York. Mr. Legg was elected probate judge in November, 1892, for four years, now serving that term. He also held the office of prosecuting attorney from 1880 to 1885. Has served as circuit court commissioner and member of the school board. Is interested in the banking interests of the county. Charles F. Howe, junior member of the firm, is a native of Lancaster, Ohio. Was educated in Washington city and the schools of Coldwater. He began the study of law under Judge Legg, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1889, practicing his profession alone until this partnership was formed in 1893. They are successful in their line and are doing a large paying

Hoyt, M. R., a prosperous farmer of Bethel township, is a native of New York state, having been born there in 1851. At the age of fifteen he became a resident of Angola, Indiana, and continued to reside there for twelve years. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Josephine Huffman, and in the same year removed to Gilead, Michigan. In 1890 he again moved and became a resident of Bethel township. His father, Rufus Hoyt, was born in Connecticut in 1825 and when a mere boy moved to New York with his parents, where he afterwards married Caroline Potter, the mother of our subject. His father died on December 30, 1888, aged sixty-three years. His mother is still living. Mr. Hoyt is one of the successful farmers of Bethel township, and is well and favorably known throughout the county.

Humphrey, L. F., attorney-at-law, of Coldwater, is a native of the state of Indiana. He began the study of law in 1882 in the office of William E. Ware, of Coldwater, and later with Barlow & Loveridge. Was admitted to the bar April 16, 1885, and has practiced continuously in Coldwater since that time, having been quite successful and is building up a well paying practice.

Hunt, M. L., resident of Quincy, was born at Waterloo, Ind., and moved from there to Jackson county, Michigan, and later to Branch county. Was

married June 11, 1868, to Miss Jennie Scribner and to them two sons have been born. Mr. Hunt has served as marshal and street commissioner; is a member of Rathburn Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Quincy. He is engaged in the livery Lusiness, being owner of the stables connected with the Quincy House, and is one of the substantial men of Quincy.

Johnson, Charles W., is proprietor of the C. W. Johnson Cooperage Works of Coldwater. The business was established in 1868 by Mr. C. W. Johnson who was a native of the state of Ohio, born at Mansfield, and was raised in that state. He enlisted in 1863 in the 1st regiment Ohio Light Art., and served until the close of the war. After the war was over he came to Branch county, locating in the city of Coldwater and began working at his trade—that of cooper. In 1868 he opened a small shop and from that the extensive business he now conducts originated. The annual output of the work now reaches over \$60,000. The barrels manufactured by this factory are sold over the entire country, being shipped to Boston, Kansas City, Chicago, and various other cities. He employs from forty-five to ninety men or an average of fifty the year round. Mr. Johnson also owns a fine farm near the city of Coldwater. In 1889 his entire plant was destroyed by fire but he immediately rebuilt upon an enlarged

Jones, John H., Hon., resident of Quincy, settled on a farm in Branch county in 1854 where he resided until 1882, when he came to Quincy. He has been state representative four years, also state senator for the same number of years. He has been vice president of the Quincy National Bank since its organization. He has also served the people as justice of the peace for a period of twelve years and as supervisor for nine years. He deals extensively in live stock and wool. Mr. Jones is one of the substantial and enterprising business men of the county and owns a fine residence property in Quincy.

Kauffman, Lancester. The subject of this mention, Mr. Lancester Kauffman was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, in the year 1831 and resided there until he reached his majority, when he married Miss Dianah Fox and removed to Branch county, Michigan, locating in Ovid township, and has been a resident of this township since that time. His first wife died in February, 1863. He was again married in December, 1864, to Miss Marett Horton, a native of Branch county. Mr. Kauffman is one of the prosperous farmers of Branch county. His life has been a busy one and the habits of industry has made for him one of the best homes of the county.

Keeler, Ebenezer, resident of Algansee township, was born in Cayuga county, New York, May 17, 1847. When five years of age came with his parents who settled upon section 10, Algansee township. In February, 1882, he married Miss Nancy Tompkins, a native of St. Joseph county, Michigan, and to this union one son has been born, Is owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land in good state of cultivation and is a farmer of excellent reputation.

Keller, Isaac, farmer, residing in Noble township, was born in Allen county, Ohio, in the year 1852, and at the age of thirteen, moved with his parents, who settled in Noble township upon section 24, where he resided until 1877. In that year he was married to Ella V. Rupold, and they moved upon the farm on section 14, where they now reside. He has a nice home upon one hundred and forty acres of excellent land located six miles from Orland. They are the parents of two children, one son and one daughter, in whom they have considerable pride.

Keller, Jacob B., farmer, residing upon section 15, Noble township, was born in Hocking county, Ohio, October 27, 1846, where he lived until the year 1866, when he moved to the township in which he now resides. He was married in the year 1868 to Miss Susan Blacksten, a resident of Noble township, who was born in Steuben county, Indiana, in 1848. They reside upon section 15, where Mr. Keller has a nicely improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, adapted to all kinds of farm produce, and a fine home. Had born to them three children, one girl and two boys. Ida May was born in Branch county, Michigan, August 23, 1869; J. F. was born in Branch county, Michigan, July 31, 1872; E. J. was born in Branch county, Michigan, March 7, 1878.

Kelso, Thomas and James J., farmers, residing upon section 24, Noble township, are natives of La-Grange county, Indiana, where the first named was born in 1845, and the second named in the year 1847, They came to Branch county in 1861, where they have resided since that time. They are conducting a nice farm which is under the best of cultivation. They are single men and have their sister, Sarah N.

Kelso, keeping house for them. The father of the subjects of this sketch, John Kelso, was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., who moved to LaGrange county, Indiana, in the year 1843, and settled upon section I, Greenfield township.

Kent, D. W., resident of Sherwood, came to Branch county from Ohio, in the year 1868. Is a farmer by occupation, owning one hundred and seventy-one acres, one hundred and twenty of which is under plow. In addition to raising grain of various kinds, he devotes considerable attention to mint and celery. Has served one term as supervisor of his township.

Kerr Bros., leading hardware dealers of Coldwater, was organized in 1887. The firm consists of John A. and Andrew Kerr. The firm of Kerr Bros. has been in existence since 1878, when they came to Coldwater and purchased the flouring mill of I. M. Calvin, continuing in that business until 1887, when they sold their interests to W. A. Coombs. In March, 1891, they bought the lot corner Chicago and Hanchett streets and built their pleasant store, 30x80, three stories and basement. The firm now handles a general hardware stock, farmers' supplies, etc. They are stockholders in the Southern Michigan bank and are recognized as leading business men of the county.

Kitchel, S. B., of Coldwater, and a member of Branch county bar, He is a native of the state of New York, from whence he came to Coldwater in 1868, and occupied the position of court reporter for two years. Was admitted to the bar in 1871, practicing until 1876, when he was elected prosecuting attorney for the county and held that office four years. He has also served the people as a member of the school board and as city alderman. He is the discoverer of "Kitchel's Liniment," which is being manufactured from the largest liniment factory in the world. He first began making this liniment in the year 1884, and by 1888 the business had grown to such proportions as to require his entire attention. His works now have a capacity of over ten tons a week, and is compelled to run at its full capacity. This liniment is sold in South America, England, France and Canada, besides the entire United States. Mr. Kitchel is a stockholder in the Southern Michigan bank. He was elected mayor of the city of Coldwater in April, 1893, and is now serving the present term.

Kohl, Fred., of Quincy, Michigan, owner and proprietor of the Quincy House, the only brick hotel in Quincy. He is also owner of a cottage at Pleasant Ridge, is a leading Odd Fellow and is a very popular landlord. The house is warmed by steam and has all modern improvements.

Lampman, Frank E., farmer, residing on section 25, Bethel township, was born in Butler township, April 11, 1852, and lived there until 1866, when he moved with his parents to Quincy, moving from there to Bethel in 1868, having lived there since that time with the exception of four years that he lived in Coldwater. Mr. Lampman has been married twice, his first wife dying January 24, 1875. In 1877 he was married to Miss Sarah E. Burcaw, a native of Starke county, Ohio, who is still living. Mr. Lampman at present is chairman of the republican committee of his township, and is a member of the republican county committee. Was a member of the Michigan state troops for nine years. Mr. Luman Lampman, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Greene county, New York, where he was born October 29, 1826. He resided in the state of New York until he was twenty-two years of age, when he moved to Butler, Mich., residing there until 1866, when he moved to Quincy, moving from there to Bethel in 1868, where he lived until his death in 1884. He was one of the most prominent men of his township, having been supervisor of Bethel six years and held various other offices. Was a minister of the M. E. church and filled the pulpit of various churches in Branch county.

Latherbery, C. R., a resident of Sherwood, is a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, from whence he came in 1865 and settled on the farm where he now lives. The farm, consisting of two hundred and twenty-three acres, most of which is under cultivation and improved with two good frame houses and barns, is owned by himself and brother. Mr. Latherbery is one of the directors of the Branch County Farmers Fire Insurance company.

Leet, L. M., Bronson, entered into the grocery business in 1870 at Bronson. After conducting this business for seven years, retired and took entire charge of the local business of the U. S. express company. In the year 1891, he again resumed busi-

ness of general groceries. He is well and favorably known in Bronson where he has resided since 1852.

Lennon, Thomas, resident of Quincy, is one of the pioneers of Branch county. He came to Quincy in the year 1869, and established a wagon, carriage and cutter factory. Does a jobbing business throughout Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. He is a member of the G. A. R. post at Quincy, and an active member of the I. O. O. F. Owns a large farm in Steuben county, Indiana.

Lewis, Henry C., was born in Orleans county, N. Y., in 1820. He settled in Coldwater in 1844, engaged in mercantile, manufacturing and milling pursuits, in which he was remarkably successful. In 1857 he formed the banking firm of Fisk & Lewis, Clinton B. Fisk, now at Seabright, N. J. being his partner. The firm subsequently changed to Lewis & Kellogg and after that to Lewis & Starr. In 1865 Mr Lewis's firm was merged into the Coldwater National bank of Coldwater and Mr. Lewis was made president, a position held by him till his death. For many years his health was precarious and for the benefit of his health he traveled extensively in Europe. While in Paris he was appointed one of the jurors in the department of art and musical instruments in the Paris exposition. At the Vienna exposition he was appointed special commissioner by President Grant. During his first visit to Europe, Mr. Lewis conceived the idea of founding an art gallery at his home for which he purchased two hundred choice paintings and several pieces of statuary. This gallery now numbers one thousand subjects, including four hundred original paintings and is claimed to be the largest art gallery established by a private citizen. It contains copies of Raphael, Salvador, Rosa, Murillo, Guido, Michael Angelo, Correggio, Titian and others, and some seventy portraits of eminent characters. The gallery holds many pictures from the Maupsen collection, well known to Bostonians. The cost of this splendid collection was between \$250,000 and \$500,000. Mr. Lewis' public spirit was manifested in the fact that this fine gallery has for years past been thrown open to the public on every Saturday, and has been visited by thousands of people from all parts of the country. Mr. Lewis departed this life August 18, 1884. He at one time served as mayor of the city of Coldwater. He embraced the Christian religion and was a member of the Baptist church.

Lilly, Henry M., resident of Matteson township, came to Branch county with his parents in the year 1853 and settled on the farm now owned by Fritz Shoffmaster, where he remained with his father until February, 1864. He then entered the army in Company A, 3rd Michigan Cavalry. Was at the taking of Mobile, Alabama; was in the Red river expedition in Texas and crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico. Was mustered out of the service in the year 1866 when he returned home and resumed farming. In the year 1891 he purchased the farm where he now resides, owning one hundred and two acres which is well improved. Is a member of the G. A. R.

Little, G. R., farmer, was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., in the year 1845 and lived there until twelve years of age. He then moved with his parents, William and Drewsella Little, to Gilead township, Branch county, Michigan, where he lived until 1884, then settled on section 31, Bethel township. In the year 1875 he was married to Miss Ellen Roe, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Roe, and to this union two children have been born, Anna May and Ruby B. Mr. Little is owner of one of the finest farms in Bethel township.

Locke, A. L., attorney-at-law and postmaster of Sherwood, was educated in the schools of the county. He studied law under the direction of H. H. Barlowe, and at the completion of his studies and his admission to the bar returned to Sherwood where he practises his profession. Was appointed postmaster of that villege in 1893.

Lockerby, W. H., attorney-at-law, was born in West Venia, Oneida county, N. Y., in 1859. Came to Michigan at the age of ten years and located in Quincy township. He was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools of the county, and later on in life taught school for three years. He first began the study of law in April, 1883, under the direction of Hon. Milo D. Campbell, and was admitted to the bar in December, 1884. He began the practice of his profession at Quincy, Michigan, and soon formed a partnership with Mr. Campbell, which existed one year, since that time he has practiced his profession alone. He has served the people as a member of the board of county school examiners for five years, and for two years of that time as secretary of the board. He has also served as circuit

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court commissioner for four years, and filled several township offices. He conducts a general law business and also an insurance agency at Quincy. He has been successful in the practice of his chosen profession and is one of the rising young attorneys of Branch county.

Long, James, M. D., is the oldest practicing physician of Coldwater. He is a native of New York city. He received his earlier education in Woodstock, Vt. After completing his literary course he began the study of medicine in the year 1849. He completed his medical education by a course in the medical department of the university of New York, graduating therefrom in the year 1852. He followed the practice of his profession in the city of New York for five years. He came to Michigan in 1857, locating in Detroit. In the year 1862 he came to Coldwater where he has since resided, being in active practice all of the time, and is considered one of the leading physicians in southern Michigan.

Loveridge, Hon. Noah P., present circuit judge of Branch and St. Joseph counties, Mich., was born in New Milford, Litchfield county, Conn., in 1826. He received a common school and academic education in the schools of that county, residing there until he was twenty-one years of age. He next taught school for some time in New Jersey, and while doing so studied law at Morristown, in that state. In 1850 and 1851 he attended the Fowler law school at Ballston Spa, N. Y., and in the autumn of 1851 entered the law office of Judge William E. Curtis, 106 Broadway, New York. In March, 1852, he was admitted to the bar at the city of Brooklyn, and the following year commenced the practice of law at Cuba, N. Y., where he remained until 1866. He then removed to Coldwater, Mich., and associated himself with the Hon. John B. Shipman. Later on he formed a partnership with H. H. Barlowe, Esq., which partnership existed until May, 1882, when he entered the law bureau of the interior department at Washington, D. C., under Hon. Henry M. Teller, secretary of the interior, and while there was engaged in writing opinions relating to the public lands, and continued in this work until 1884, when he was appointed deputy commissioner of pensions by President Arthur, filling that office during Mr. Arthur's administration. In May, 1885, he returned to Coldwater, and in the following year visited the Pacific coast. In autumn of 1886, with his family visited Europe, where he remained a year. During his absence in the spring of 1887 he was elected judge of the 15th judicial circuit. He entered upon the duties of this office January 1, 1888, and continued until January 1, 1894, when he resumed the practice at Coldwater with his son Henry C. Loveridge. Judge Loveridge is considered one of the ablest judges in Michigan, and his service in that capacity has reflected great credit and honor on himself.

Loveridge, Henry C., attorney-at-law, Coldwater, Mich., was born in Cuba, N. Y., in 1856, and moved with his father's family to Coldwater, Mich., in 1866. He was educated first in the Coldwater high school, graduating from there in 1874, after which he taught school for two years. In 1876 he entered Guisty college, at Hartford, Conn., graduating from there in 1880. He soon after entered the law office of Loveridge & Barlowe, and remained there until his admission to the bar in 1882. After his admission to the bar he associated himself with H. H. Barlowe in the practice of law, under the firm name of Barlowe & Loveridge. This partnership existed until the fall of 1887, since which time he has been alone. Mr. Loveridge has been a success in the past in the practice of his profession, and is now one of the leaders of his profession in Branch county.

Lowery, Jefferson, farmer of Sherwood, was born and raised in Matteson township. Is the owner of one hundred and thirty-two acres of farm land within the corporate limits of the village of Sherwood, most of it being under cultivation, well adapted to raising of grains of all kinds and live stock.

Lucas, Joseph L., farmer, Quincy township, came to Adrian, Mich., in 1837. He purchased the land on which he now resides in 1838 from Ira S. Mudge and moved onto it in March, 1839, and resided there ever since. The house in which he now lives is the old original frame, gradually improved and added to, having never moved. He was married in the same house in 1847, to Phebe Coon, who died November 25, 1890. He has four daughters and two sons living and four children dead. Has held several township offices and positions of responsibility. Has been engaged in the nursery business and in buying stock and wheat. Had contract for erecting the first warehouse for the R. R. company.

Luce, Cyrus G., was born in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 2, 1824. In 1836 he came with his parents to Orland, Steuben county, Indiana. As a boy he went to school in the proverbial log school house of the day during three winter terms, afterwards attending the Collegiate Institute at Ontario, Ind., for three terms. At the age of seventeen he commenced work in his father's woolcarding and cloth-dressing establishment, located on Crooked Creek, two miles east of Orland. He worked in and had the general charge of the shop for seven years. At the age of twenty-four he became the owner of eighty acres in Gilead, Branch county. In August, 1849, he was married to Julia A. Dickinson, of Gilead and resided on the farm where they commenced, until August, 1882, when the wife of his youth was called hence. Five children were born to them, four of whom are still living. He was again married in 1883 to Mary E. Thompson, of Bronson. In 1852 he was elected supervisor of his township, and was subsequently re-elected on ten different dates, serving eleven years. In the year 1854 he was elected to the legislature. In 1858 and again in 1860 he was elected county treasurer. In 1864 and 1866 he was elected to the state senate. In 1867 was elected a member of the constitutional convention held that year. In 1879 he was appointed state oil inspector by Governor Croswell, serving in the position three and one-half years. In 1884 his name was presented to the republican convention and strongly pressed as a nominee for governor, but he was defeated by a majority of thirty by General Alger. In 1886 he was nominated for governor by acclamation and elected by double the majority given two syears before. In 1888 he was renominated as the unanimous choice of the convention. During his active life he has received twenty nominations for office and every one of these has come to him by acclamation. At the session of the legislature in 1893 he had many strong friends among the members and a host of them all over the state who desired his election to the United States Senate. Farming has from the year 1848 to the present time been his main business. He has taken a deep interest in the development of his town, county, state and country. For twenty years has been very earnest and active in his efforts to stimulate the ambition of his fellow

Luce, Emery G., resident of the township of Gilead, was born in the same township February 14, 1852. He is the son of ex-Governor Luce. Has resided upon section 16 since the year 1876, which he has improved to the highest stage of cultivation, having a home which is a model in all respects. His barns and other buildings are of the best character. He has served the people as township treasurer and highway commissioner for several years. He pays considerable attention to stock culture.

Luedders, E. D., Coldwater, has the principal boot and shoe store of the city. The business was founded by Mr. Luedders in 1877. He is a native of Germany, coming to America when thirteen years of age, living with his parents in the city of Cincinnati where he learned the trade of shoemaker. He came to Michigan in 1863 and located in Coldwater where he followed his trade until 1877 when he opened a shoe store upon a small scale, which he has gradually increased until he now has the largest as well as the best selected stock of boots and shoes in the county. He is a stockholder in the Branch county savings bank which he assisted to organize. He has been successful in business and is well known throughout the county. His city residence is at 146 West Chicago street.

Mabrey, S. Curts. The subject of this mention Mr. S. Curts Mabrey, was born in Otsego township, Steuben county, Indiana, in the year 1863, and at ten years of age moved with his parents to Gilead township, Branch county, where Mr. Mabrey grew to manhood, receiving his education in the schools of that county. In January, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Cheney, of Ovid township and to this union came one son, H. Clare Mabrey, born October 19, 1889. Mrs. Mabrey departed this life in 1892. Mr. Mabrey's parents were Silas and Mary A. Mabrey, who were married in 1849, and who were residents of Steuben county, Indiana for some twenty-eight years. Mrs. Mabrey's parents were Reuben and Mary Cheney, of Ovid township, who came from England at an early day.

MacDonough, Thomas, resident of Coldwater township, came to the place where he now resides, two miles east of the city of Coldwater, from Cheboygan, Mich., in October, 1892, where he had formerly been engaged in lumber and general merchandise business. He is now living a retired life.

MacDonough, Thompson, son of the above gentleman and residing with him, is engaged in the business of breeding high-grade and trotting horses. Although Mr. MacDonough has been in this county but a short time, he has already established a reputation as an owner and judge of horses and doubtless will, in the near future, be rated as one of the foremost horsemen in this county. He is a lover of horses and takes much pleasure in training them. The farm and buildings are admirably adapted to the business that Mr. MacDonough has chosen. The home and the buildings are very attractive and beautifully surrounded by a grove of finely developed maple trees.

McDougal, J. W., farmer, residing upon section 12, Bethel township, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, in 1846. When he was three years old his parents died. When six years of age he was taken by his uncle, John Robertson, of Medina county, Ohio, with whom he made his home until, at the age of sixteen, he joined the army of the Union in the rebellion, enlisting in the 109th Reg. Ohio Vol. Infantry. After serving eight months he returned home, but after an interval of sixteen days, he re-enlisted in the 25th Reg. Ohio Vol. Light Artillery and served until close of the war, He was married in the year 1871 to Miss Genevra Walker of Branch county, daughter of Josiah and Jane Walker, who migrated from England in 1836, and to this union three children have been born, two daughters and one son. Mr. McDougal has a farm of seventy-one acres, with an excellent home and fine improvements.

McCrary, Clay, farmer and stock raiser of Sherwood, is a native of the same township, and has always resided in Branch county, excepting a few years spent in the west. His farm of two hundred and forty acres upon which he now resides, is mostly improved and is but a few miles from the place of his birth. This town, in which his boyhood days were spent, he still considers to be the finest spot on earth.

McKenzie & Hyslop, proprietors of the Quincy Roller Mills, which they purchased in the year 1857. Their average daily output is one hundred barrels of flour, their special brand being the "Pride of Quincy," which has a wide reputatiot and is shipped to all points in the country. Theirs is one of the solid business firms of Branch connty. Mr. McKenzie is a native of Williamstown, W. Va. Mr. Hyslop came to Quincy from Sonth Allen, Mich, and was former proprietor of the mills at that place for thirteen years.

McVay, E., farmer, resident of Butler township, was born in Clevels, Ohio, October 1, 1831, where he lived until twenty years of age, when he came to Branch county, living at Quincy for some years, He has been successful as a farmer and is comfortably situated.

Mallack, Walter, Quincy, farmer, was born in Hanover, Jackson county, Mich., September 24, 1847, where he lived on a farm until 1858, when he moved to the town of Pulaski, and attended school at that place. Was married in the year 1873 to Kate L. Scribner of Pulaski. He moved from Jackson into Hillsdale county, where he bought a farm, remained six years, then sold out and came to Branch county in 1883, and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 9, Quincy township, where he now resides.

Mallow, George W., resident of Bronson township, engaged in general farming business and raising of stock. He owns a farm of one hundred and twenty acres two miles southwest of Bronson, where he has lived since 1879. Is a member of the F. & A. M. society.

Mallow, J. J., farmer and stock raiser of Sherwood, came from St. Joseph county, Mich., in 1890, settling on the farm where he now resides. He owns one hundred and thirteen acres of good land, most of which is under cultivation; has good modern house and barns.

Mann, Peter J., farmer, residing upon section 22, Girard township, is one of the representative farmers of the county, where he has resided for the past fifty-eight years.

Maple Park Stock Farm, founded by Mr. A. C. Fisk in 1852. Mr. Fisk is a native of the state of New York, born near Rochester, came to Branch county in 1835, settled in Coldwater and purchased part of his present farm east of the city in the same year. In the early part of 1852 he purchased Green Mountain Black Hawk, a trotting bred stallion, and was the first trotting bred horse ever brought into the state of Michigan. This horse afterwards went to Louisville, Ky. Since that time Mr. Fisk has

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  12 H. H. Barlow
- John R. Champion
  Caleb D. Randall
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- 16 Dudley M. Wells
  17 Frank D. Newberry
  18 S. B. Kitchell

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brought some of the finest bred horses from New York, Vermont and Kentucky to Coldwater. In the year 1870 he purchased in New York his famous horse, Masterlode, and brought him to this place. This horse has proven to be one of the great sires of American trotting horses. He is the sire of Bell F., 2:15, Buffalo Bill, 2:24, and a large number of others in the thirty list. Mr. Fisk also owned Mambrino Chief and a number of other famous sires, He now owns Latitude, record 2:16 1 2, one of the best sires in Michigan, producing Belle of Detroit, record 2:28, as a two-year-old. Mr. Fisk has in the stables Great Heart, record 2:15, Judean, 2:29 3-4, High Lawn Prince and Corbeau Medium. He also pays some attention to sheep raising, now having a fine flock of Shropshires. He is the oldest horseman in the west and to him is due the honor of first introducing the fine horses that the state of Michigan now boasts of

Merrifield, Marc A., resident of Union City, was born in Tekonsha, Calhoun county, Mich., March 29, 1840. He finished his education in Hillsdale College and enlisted from there June 3, 1861, in Company E, Fourth Michigan Infantry. On his return from the army he took up the study of law in the office of Hughes & Wooley, in Marshall, Mich., and also attended the law school department of the University of Michigan, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1867. He came to Union City in 1868 and has practiced his profession there ever since. He has been president of that village one term and city attorney twenty-one years. Was given the degree of M. S. in 1884 by Hillsdale College. Was judge advocate of the G. A. R. in 1883, senior vice-commander in 1884 and upon commander-in-chief's staff in 1887. Has been commander of Corbin Post four terms and was president of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association of Southern Michigan two years.

Milnes, Alfred, proprietor of "The Fair," one of the leading business houses of Branch county, carries. the largest stock of groceries, crockery, china, glassware, buggies, wagons and harness in southern Michigan. The business was established in the year 1871 by Mr. Milnes and A. Vanderhoof and conducted by them nine years when Mr. Vanderhoof retired. Mr. Milnes has built up a large trade, doing a retail business of over \$50,000 per year. Mr. Milnes has served as alderman and mayor of Coldwater and represented his district in the State Senate two terms, from 1889 to 1893. He is one of the directors of the Branch County Savings Bank, a member of the I. O. O. F., F. & A. M. and G. A. R. He served from June, 1862, to June, 1865, in 17th Michigan Infantry as a private in active service during the War of the Rebellion and was Grand Patriarch of the I. O. O. F. of Michigan in

Modert, Peter, farmer of Bronson township, is a native of Grand Duchy of Luxemburg; emigrated to America in the year 1854, locating in Coldwater township and followed farming for some time. Then moved to Colon township, where he remained until 1889, when he purchased the farm where he now resides, about four miles southwest of Bronson. When he came to America he had nothing, but through his energy, industry and frugality has acquired a fine farm consisting of 225 acres.

Monroe, Seth, justice of the peace in Bronson township, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1827. Was educated in the common school of New York and grew to manhood on a farm. In 1852 he came to the state of Michigan and engaged in farming and lumbering in Bronson township, following the same for twenty-seven years. In 1879 he moved to the village of Bronson and since then has given the most of his time to official duties, serving as justice of the peace and commissioner of the poor. For about three years he was engaged in the agricultural implement business.

Noves, O. G., Coldwater, dealer in farm machinery, etc, is a native of Rochester, N. Y., and came from there to Michigan, May 26, 1846, settling at Coldwater. Was raised and educated in that city, and served an apprenticeship to the printers' trade, which he followed for some years. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he entered the service as a member of the 9th Michigan Infantry Band. Was taken prisoner at Murphreesboro, Tenn., July 13, 1862. After being mustered out of the army he returned to Coldwater and has been engaged in business there ever since. He is also a member of the firm of Noyes Bros., owners of the farmers' feed sheds, on North Hanchett street. He served as city marshal for two terms, 1878-9. Is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and charter member of the G. A. R., and U. V. U. Has been successful in business and is well and favorably known throughout the county. The firm of Noyes Bros. consists of O. G. and F. G. Noyes, sons of Samuel P. Noyes, Jr. The three-story brick block, consisting of two stores, situated on the northeast corner of Chicago and Hanchett streets, was built in 1866, by Samuel P. and O. G. Noyes, known as the Noyes block. Samuel P. Noyes, father of O. G. Noyes and Frank, was born in Southeast corner town in Vermont, removed to Rochester, N. Y., and resided there for a number of years; came to Coldwater in 1845, and engaged in boot and shoe manufacture and continued it for over twenty-five years. Was one of the charter members of Tyler Lodge, F. and A. M. Mr. Noyes died February 15, 1878. Was married in New York, and was the father of eight children, all dead but O. G. and Frank Noyes. He and his son O. G. Noyes erected the Noyes block in Coldwater, in 1866.

Ogden, James S., residing upon section 2, Kinderhook township, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., in 1853, and two years later his parents moved to Branch county, Mich., where he resided with his parents until 1875. He then learned the stone mason's trade which he has followed ever since. He is a competent workman, and by his industry has acquired a nice home and 160 acres of excellent farm land, nicely improved. He was married in 1879, to Miss Mary A. Burdick, a native of Branch county.

O'Neil, William, farmer, residing in Butler township, was born in Litchfield, Hillsdale county, Mich., November 18, 1860, where he lived until ten years of age, when his parents moved to Adrian, Mich., residing there a short time, and then moving to Butler, Branch county, where the subject of this sketch has resided since. His wife's maiden name was Emma Colman, who was born September 15, 1861. They are the parents of two sons, John and Verne. The occupation of Mr. O'Neil is that of farmer, and the family are members of the Baptist church. John O'Neil, his father, was born in April, 1815, and died February 16, 1876. His mother, Rachael O'Neil, was born February 8, 1822, and died September 19, 1863. Mrs. O'Neil's father, George Colman, was born June 8, 1828, and her mother, Odelia Colman, born June 6, 1826.

O'Shaughnessy, E. & Co., Coldwater, manufacturers of cigars. The business was founded in the year 1873 by Mr. E. O'Shaughnessy & Bro. Later on, after the death of his brother, Mr. E. O'Shaughnessy has conducted it alone. His annual output of all brands reaches nearly eight hundred thousand cigars. He employs an average of twenty-two hands the year around, the products of his factory being sold mostly throughout the states of Michigan and Indiana. He has been in the business more than twenty-eight years and is a practical cigarmaker himself. His success in trade has been due to this fact, combined with his excellent judgment upon the quality of tobacco. He has been very successful and enjoys a large and growing trade.

Palmer, Elmer E., attorney and counselor-atlaw, residing at Coldwater, is a native of Branch county. He studied law in the office of Barlow & Loveridge; was admitted to the bar in July, 1886, since which time he has practiced his profession in this county. He was associated with William E. Ware during the period from 1887–91. He held the office of prosecuting attorney from 1891–93. Was elected city attorney of the city of Coldwater in April, 1893, which position he now holds.

Parkhurst, John G., one of the oldest members of Branch county bar. He is a native of the state of New York, from whence he came to Branch county in 1849. Had practiced law in Oneida county, New York, four years prior, having been admitted to the bar in 1845. Has served the people as prosecuting attorney for two years. Enlisted in September, 1861, and served in the army of the union until November, 1865, when he retired with the rank of Brevet Brig. General.

Pierce, A. J., manufacturer of cigars, Coldwater, Mich. The business was founded in 1873 by Mr. A. J. Pierce, a native of the city, who learned the trade of cigar maker which he followed for some years. In 1876 he began retailing his goods and employed one hand in his factory. His business has steadily increased until he now employs ten people the year around and has an annual output of 400,000 cigars which are sold throughout Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana. He is interested in the Sun printing office, also a stockholder in the Coldwater National Bank. Has served as city alderman from the Third ward. He has been very successful in business, now having a large and growing trade.

Pell, John, farmer, residing in Butler township, was born in England, July 17, 1854, coming with his parents to America one year later, landing at New York. The family came to Michigan, settling at first in Grand Haven, moving from there to Grand Rapids

shortly afterward, remaining there until 1850, when they removed to Erie county, N. Y., returning to Branch county a few years later and settling in Butler township. The subject of this sketch married Miss S. E. Dickenson, who was born in New York, Aug. 19, 1855. They are the parents of three children. Mr. Pell is a member of the K. O T. M. and has held some of the offices of his township.

Pierce, J. Clark Our subject, Mr. J. Clark Pierce, secretary of the board of superintendents of the poor and also secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company for Branch county, is one of the best known men of the county. He is a native of Vermont, but came to Branch county in 1836 and settled in Girard township, where he followed farming up to 1871 .He at that time moved to Coldwater and in 1874 was elected to the board of superintendents of the poor and has filled the position of secretary of that board, with the exception of one year, continuously. While a resident of Girard township he served the people two years as supervisor and for ten, years as school inspector. He still owns and operates a valuable farm in Girard township. The position held by Mr. Pierce is one of importance and responsibility and the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of this office has reflected great honor and credit to himself and the board.

Pollock, Samuel, wholesale and retail dealer in lumber, lath, shingles and general building materials. A native of North Ireland, Mr. Pollock came to this country in the year 1854 and in 1860 to Coldwater, which, with the exception of a few years spent in Cleveland, O., has since been his home. From a small beginning he has succeeded by energy, integrity and close personal attention in building up a business that now embraces nearly every line of building materials.

Pratt Manufacturing Company, of Coldwater. Mr. J. F. Pratt, the founder of the business, is a native of the state of New York. He came to Michigan in 1842, settled in Lenawee county, resided there until 1846, when he came to Coldwater, established a tannery and manufactured boots and shoes under the firm name of Smith & Pratt, which existed up to 1882. In the year 1882 he organized the Pratt Manufacturing Co., and purchased the hotel property known as the Bolster House, which was transformed into a sleigh factory. The works had a capacity of 2000 cutters per year, which in the past four years has been increased to 6000. It now has a capacity of four thousand cutters and one hundred thousand children's sleds. Their goods are sold and shipped to all parts of the country. They employ from fifty to seventy-five skilled workmen.

Prestidge, David J., general farmer and stock raiser of Branch county. Was born in North Hamptonshire, England, in 1833, and continued to reside in his native country until 1852, when he came to America. He was employed in various parts of the country; came to Branch county in 1853, and settled in Bethel township, on section 20, where he purchased eighty acres of timber land. He has since added to his original purchase until he has now one hundred acres of finely improved farming land, on which he has recently erected a first-class mint distillery, which he is now successfully operating. He has also raised a superior grade of horses and cattle and paid considerable attention to the breeding of merino and cotswool sheep. Mr. Prestidge is an active member of the M. E. church and the Grange society. By close attention to his business he has won the reputation of being one of the best farmers of the county. His crop of peppermint for 1893 produced oil which brought him \$760.00.

Priddy, David D., one of the leading men of Branch county, now engaged in buying and shipping live stock, was born in Otsego Co., N. Y.; came to Michigan in the year 1863 and purchased a farm in Algansee township, where he resided until 1883, engaged in the occupation of farming, also dealer in live stock at the same time. In 1884 he came to Coldwater and has resided there since that time, still operating his farm, however. Has taken no active interest in politics, nor has he sought any public office. He has been successful in business and enjoys a large acquaintance. Is an active worker in the M. E. church.

Prout, A. S., farmer and retired miller, residing in Matteson township. His youth and early manhood was spent in the state of Ohio, where his parents resided. He came to Branch county in the year 1847 and located in the town of Quincy. Was married in the year 1855, when he emigrated to the state of Minnesota, where he followed the occupation of farmer until 1857, when he returned to Branch county. Three years later he bought a sawmill, which lie operated in connection with his farm nine years, since which time he has been interested in farming exclusively. Mr. Prout is one of the leading members of the Farmers' Alliance Society, beginning

with the Grange movement in 1874, since which time he has been actively engaged in every movement for the benefit of the farmer. He was a delegate to the first convention held in the state, and is one of the leading speakers for the farmers in the county. In 1850 he made an overland trip to California and Oregon, returning overland in 1853, and has been an extensive traveler through the west.

Purdy, Fred, farmer residing in Algansee township, was born in Ovid, Branch county, September 27, 1862. In the following year his parents moved into Algansee township, which has been his residence ever since. The subject of this sketch was married to Agnes A. Depew in the fall of 1886. Mr. Purdy is engaged as general farmer. Has served the people as township treasurer two terms. Mrs. Purdy is an active member of the Presbyterian church. Martha Purdy, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was born July 18, 1841. His father, Orange Purdy, was born in 1830, in Seneca county, Ohio, and was a soldier in the late war of the rebellion.

Purinton, David B., present assessor for the third ward of the city of Coldwater, also filling the office of the justice of the peace. Mr. Purinton is a native of the state of New York, from whence he came to Michigan in 1848 and settled at Coldwater. In 1860 was elected supervisor for Coldwater township, and at that time was the youngest member of the Board. He served one term and was again elected to the same office from the third ward of the city of Coldwater in 1864, serving one year, when he resigned to enter the army of the Union. Was again elected, in 1877, from the second ward, serving two years, and later, in the year 1882, was elected to the same position from the third ward, and has served continuously since. In 1868 was elected to the office of justice of the peace, in which capacity he has served since that time, having been re-elected at the expiration of every four years. Has also served the city in other official capacities.

Ramsdell, William F., farmer residing in Butler township, was born in Kent county, Mich., Dec. 17, 1856. Four years later his parents removed to Butler township, which has been his home ever since. Mrs. Ramsdell was Emma F. Chivers, a native of Butler township, born Sept. 10, 1865. They are the parents of one son, Henry Ray, born Nov. 9, 1890. Our subject owns eighty acres of land in Butler township, under good state of cultivation. His parents are natives of Genessee county, N. Y.

Randall, C. D., attorney-at-law, is a graduate of the Albany law school. He was admitted to the bar of the supreme court in that city in 1855, and in the same year was admitted to the bar in Branch county, Michigan, and began the practice of his profession in Coldwater and continued it until 1870. He served the people of Branch county as state senator in 1871 and 1872, and while there was the author of the law establishing the state public school, the new system for publishing the reports of the supreme court, and other acts of a public nature. He served as a member of the board of the state public school, and as a secretary and treasurer from January, 1873, to January, 1892. In 1871 he obtained a permit to organize a Southern Michigan National Bank, and acted as president of the same from its organization until 1893. Mr. Randall has served as president of the Branch county Bar for the past three years. He is considered one of the leading business men of Branch county, and has done much to advance her business interests both at home and abroad.

Ransford & Co., Quincy, dealers in agricultural implements. This enterprising firm is also engaged in manufacturing the Ransford Hay and Grain Carrier and Slings, with a practical device for mowing away in addition to the usual unloading. They are meeting with flattering success. Mr. A. B. Ransford of the firm was a candidate for the office of county clerk upon the Prohibition ticket.

Ransom, Alvorado B., farmer residing in Algansee township, was born December 11, 1846, upon the farm where he has spent his entire life. He married Miss Sarah E. Handy, of the state of Indiana, born August 9, 1847, at Greece, N. Y., her parents moving to Fremont, Steuben Co., Ind., in the same year. Mr. Ransom owns 140 acres of good farm land; is a member of the Detective Horse Association and at present serving as a justice of the peace. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist church. His parents were natives of Onondaga county, N. Y.

Rathburn, C. D., resident of Sherwood; occupation, farmer, also professional veterinary surgeon; came from Kingsville, Ashtabula county, Ohio, his native state, in 1877, and settled on the farm where he now resides. He filled the offices of supervisor and treasurer of his township. Owns 120 acres of land, well improved and has good farm buildings. Has been successful in his practice of V. S., his services being in demand throughout the township and adjoining towns.

Rawson, M. J., of Quincy, was born in Algansee township, October 8, 1855. His education was obtained in the schools of Coldwater and Hillsdale. He was married in 1876 to Miss Lenora Root. Is member of the M. E. church, of which he is trustee and steward. Has been a member of the town board, also of the order of A. O. U. W. In the year 1890 he and Mr. Mc-Ginness formed a partnership in the furniture and undertaking business and by energy and perseverance have established an extensive trade. They make a specialty of embalming, having learned this trade in a noted school of embalming at Grand Rapids, Michigan. They also are interested in a large furniture store at Jonesville, Mich., under the firm name of Rawson, Barber & Co. Mr. McGinness, with whom he is associated in business, was born in Branch county, and was married to Miss Rachael Sly in 1871. He is owner of a fine residence property, also the business block which they occupy; is a member of the K O. T. M., also of Rathburn Lodge No. 167 I. O. O. F.

Ray, Smith G., came to Michigan from New York state in 1856 and settled at Grass Lake, Jackson county. After remaining there a few years returned to Peterborough, N. Y., his native town, and purchased a hotel, which he conducted for a few years. In 1871 he returned to Michigan and embarked in the grocery business at Grass Lake and later in the same business at Jackson. In about 1872 he came to Coldwater and operated the Seeley farm of three hundred and twenty acres for a period of eleven years. In July, 1884, he purchased a large livery stable on Hanchett street, which he now runs in connection with the Arlington Hotel, which was purchased by him in 1888.

Ray, Edward F., was born in Phelps, Ontario county, N. Y., and early in life engaged with his father in the grocery business. In 1871 came to Coldwater, and together with his father, Henry Ray, entered the produce and grocery business, the former of which he now conducts, having built up the most extensive business in fhat line operated in the state. In 1890 he purchased an interest in the Arlington Hotel and is now a joint owner with his uncle, S. G. Ray, in that business. The Arlington is well known to the public and stands at the head of the list as a first-class hotel in Southern Michigan.

Reynolds, N. A., attorney and counsellor at law of Coldwater, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y. He attended school at Fairfield Seminary in Herkimer county, and at Red Creek Academy in Wayne county, N. Y., intending to make the law his profession, but upon the breaking out of the war of the rebellion, he left school and enlisted in Co. A, roth N. Y. Cavalry, September 7, 1861, and served in the Army of the Potomac as private, corporal, sergeant and lieutenant, until August 8, 1865. He was taken prisoner once and wounded three times, the last time being near Appomattox Station just before Lee's surrender. He came to Branch county in March, 1866, and began the study of law ten years later. After coming to Michigan he followed the occupation of farmer a few years up to the time of his taking up the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1878, and immediately entered into practice in Coldwater. In the fall of 1878 he was elected circuit court commissioner and served in that office two years. In the fall of 1880 he was elected probate judge, and re-elected each of the two succeeding terms, serving in that office twelve years. Since its organization he has been a stockholder and director in the Branch County Savings Bank. In 1883 he was instrumental in organizing Butterworth Post G. A. R. of Coldwater, and for three years was its first comman-Since residing in Coldwater he was for five years a member of the Michigan State Troops, serving for two years as lieutenant and for three years as captain of the Coldwater Light Guard. Since retiring from the office of probate judge he has resumed the active practice of his profession, in which his standing is high, and is now giving his whole time to law business.

Rheubottom, F. C. Our subject was born in Chatauqua county, N. Y., August 2, 1849, and continued to reside there until October, 1868, when he became a resident of Union City. In that year he began operating a planing mill in Union City and continued it successfully for four years. He then moved to Montana, where he remained for two years, again returning to Union City in 1872, accepting for a short time a position of clerk in a dry goods store. In December, 1875, he formed a partnership with Mr. F. T. Caughey, under the firm name of Rheubottom & Caughey, and engaged in the business as furniture dealers and undertakers. Mr. Caughey soon disposed of his interest to Mr. Brace, and the firm was known a short time as Rheubottom & Brace. Mr. Rheubottom then purchased the entire business and has continued alone since that timé. He is a graduate of the School of Embalming of Cincinnati, thoroughly conversant with the art and is a leading member of the Undertakers' Association of Michigan. Was married in June, 1886, to Miss Sarah E.

Convin. Is a member of Union City Lodge No. 41, I.O. O. F., and of Star Encampment No. 52, also of St. Joseph Tent No. 93, K. O. T. M. Is one of the substantial men of Branch county.

Richy, James, farmer residing upon Section 10, Kinderhook township, was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., in 1832. Five years later his parents moved to Sandusky county, Ohio, where the subject of this sketch lived until 1864, in which year he moved to Branch county, and settled upon the farm where he has resided since. He carries on the business of a general farmer, having eighty acres of land in the highest state of cultivation and a home that is modern in all respects. His crop of wheat averages 25 bushels and corn 100 bushels per acre. He served in the Union army in the war of the rebellion, enlisting Oct. 16, 1861, in the 72d Reg. O. V. Infantry, and was wounded in his right hand April 6, 1862, in the battle of Shiloh, Tenn.

Ruperight, Francis, Dr., resident of E. Gilead, was born in the year 1863, in Bethel township, Branch Co., Mich. He received his preparatory education in Branch county. Commenced the study of medicine at the age of nineteen and graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Indianapolis in 1888. He also attended lectures in the same city. His parents were natives of Starke county, Ohio, and moved to Bethel township in 1861.

Ruple, A., of the firm of A. Ruple & Son, fürniture dealers of Bronson, was born Nov. 7, 1838, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and grew to manhood in his native county. Was educated in the common schools and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. He came to Branch county in the year 1864, where he has since resided. He moved to Bronson in the year 1877 and established himself in business, one year later taking up the lumber trade. In 1884 he purchased the furniture stock of E. M. Billings, in partnership with Mr. Jason Shepard, five years later purchasing his partner's interest in the business. In April, 1892, he took his son into partnership with him. Is the owner of a farm, a portion of which lies within the corporate limits of Bronson, besides other realty.

Russell, J. T., farmer, residing in Sherwood township, is a native of Branch county, now living on the farm where he was born and reared. Is one of the leading men of Sherwood township, having filled the offices of justice of the peace and supervisor. He is owner of 100 acres of fine farm land, well improved with good modern buildings.

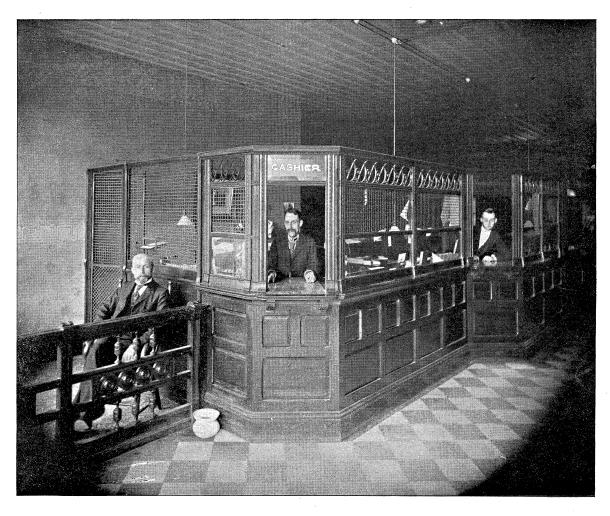
Rose, C. H., Girard, miller and merchant. Mr. Rose is owner of a grist-mill situated one-half mile north of the village; also has a feed and exchange store in the village. He has owned the mill, which has a full roller process, for the past four years, during which the average output has been 2600 barrels of flour and fifty-two tons of feed per year. He has followed the trade of miller for about twenty years, and is a competent man in his line of trade.

Sage, John, farmer, residing in Algansee township, was born in the same township Oct. 21, 1858. In the year 1882 he was married to Allie Goodman; they are the parents of one son. The farm on which he conducts a general farming business consists of seventy-five acres. Mr. Sage is a worthy member of the I. O. O. F. His wife is a member of the United Brethren church.

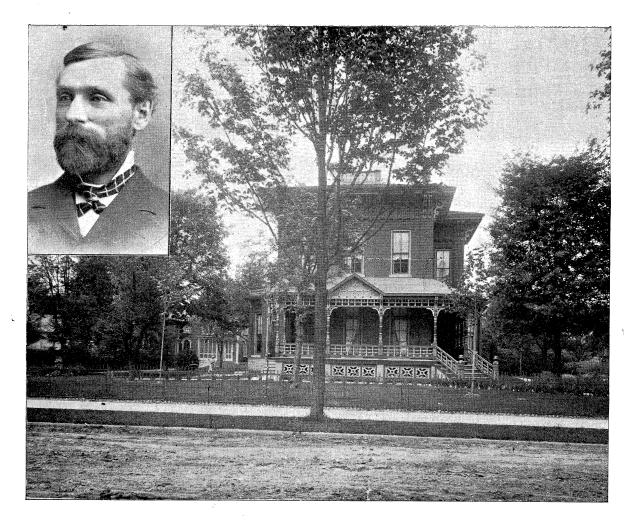
Sanderson, G. W., resident of Quincy township, was born in Huron county. In childhood his parents moved to St. Joseph county, Mich., and later to LaGrange county, Ind., where his father, Joel Sanderson, still resides. The subject of this sketch came to Branch county in the year 1868 and located on the farm where he now rseides. He was married Dec. 25, 1800, to Miss Calista M. Rice, of Trumbull county, Ohio, and has five children—two sons and three daughters. Mr. Sanderson has a liking for fine sheep, the Spanish Merino being his favorite breed; is also working into thoroughbred cattle, raising short-horned Durhams, and has a fine registered Hambletonian mare. Has held the office of drain commissioner; is a stockholder in the Quincy National Bank; also makes a business of buying wool. Is a member of the Baptist church of Quincy, serving as trustee.

Sawyer, Andrew J., resident of Butler, was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 12, 1846, and three years later his parents moved to Hillsdale county, Michigan. The subject of our sketch enlisted Oct. 2, 1862, in the Second Michigan cavalry, afterwards transferred to Michigan Sharpshooters, doing guard duty for some time. He was taken sick and sent to the hospital, returning to his regiment after recovery, and did guard duty for one year. He was then ordered to Camp Douglas, Chicago, from there to Annapolis, Md., and there joined the Burnside expedition to march on to Richmond. He was severely wounded dering the battle of the Wilderness, at the taking of Petersburg, Va. Was mustered out of the service at Jackson, Mich., July 29,

#### INTERIOR VIEW



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PORTRAIT AND RESIDENCE OF GEORGE STARR, COLDWATER, MICH.

1865. He married Catharine Cawkins, of Girard township, Oct. 26, 1870. She was born in the town of Glenville, Schenectady Co., N. Y., Nov. I, 1842. Mr. Sawyer owns forty acres of land, twenty-six of which are under cultivation. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist church.

Sayers, H. & Son, manufacturers of nail-keg heading at Sherwood. Their business was established in 1886 by H. Sayers and his son R. H. Sayers, the present owner, who came into the possession of the business in 1890, and has contined it since that time under the original name of H. Sayers & Son. Their business was started on a small scale, but has increased until now, besides the mill at Sherwood, he has one at Athens and one at Tehonsha, employing ninety men, using 25,000 cords of timber annually. The output of the mills is 25,000 sets of headings per day, making three-fourths of all the nail-keg headings used in the country.

Sebring, John, Quincy, Mich., is a farmer and stock breeder of Durham cattle and stock sheep. Came to Quincy in November, 1853, from Wayne county, N. Y. He was married in New York to Miss Mary A. Pettys, and to this union four children have been born, two boys and two girls. He is a member of the Detective Association.

Schmedlen, W. H., manufacturer of carriages and road carts at Coldwater. He is a native of Goshen, N. Y.; came to Michigan with his parents when but a child; they located in Jackson county, where our subject grew to manhood. He learned the trade of carriage maker and soon engaged in the business which he has followed for several years, first at Jonesville, then at Sturgis, Mich. He came to Coldwater in 1883, where he has followed the business ever since. He was the patentee of the Coldwater Cart, with Thomas O'Brien, which had a large sale. Mr. Schmedlen later patented the Flint Road Cart, which he later sold to parties in Flint, Mich. The "Schmedlin Speed Cart," which he now manufactures, is well liked by all horsemen and is sold throughout the United States and Canada. He has been very successful in his business. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and several other societies.

Schwarz, O. J., dealer in clothing and gents' furnishing goods at Coldwater. Business was started in the year 1836, by L. D. Halstead, and conducted by him several years. The business changed owners several times up to 1891, when the subject of this sketch took possession. He is doing a large business in this and adjoining counties; has been quite successful and has a large and growing trade.

Seely, S. M., one of the leading citizens of Coldwater, came to that city in 1853. He is a large property owner and was the founder of Seely's Park and several other additions. Was largely interested in the Mansfield & Coldwater railroad, donating \$10,000 towards the building of the road; is interested in the state school donating over \$2,000 for its benefit. Has given also very liberally toward the erection of the churches, especially the Presbyterian church, and for many other purposes. Formerly, we understand, Mr. Seely was far the most wealthy resident of Coldwater; during the last ten years, it is said he has lost enormously (millions), mostly in railroad building in the

Seymour, Henry. The subject of this mention, Mr. Henry Seymour, is one of the leading and substantial business men of Union City, Mich. He was born in Oneida county, N. Y., in 1836, and came to Branch county, Mich., with his parents ten years later, settling at Union City. He soon after learned the trade of a tin-smith at Coldwater, and followed it for a number of years. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Battery D, First Michigan Light Artillery, serving three years. In 1866 he was married to Carrie erley, and in 1877 opened a grocery and crockery store in Union city, which he has successfully operated since that time. He is a stock holder and director of the Union City National Bank, has served as supervisor for seven years and as city treasurer for two years. Mr. Seymour is the father of three children, two sons and one daughter. He is the owner of a fine business block and a fine residence property in Union city. He is one of the leading members of the Corbin Post, G. A. R., of Union city, and is one of the foremost business men of the place.

Shaffmaster, Fritz, one of the leading farmers of Matteson township, came from the state of New York in the year 1855; first settled in Bronson township, and in 1860 removed to Matteson and purchased a farm he now owns. When he came to the state of Michigan, he had no means, but was full of pluck and industry, by which he has acquired a fine property of 320 acres well improved with modern buildings. He has filled the offices of township trustee, treasurer and road commis-

Shaffmaster, J. H., farmer of Bronson township, son of Christopher Shaffmaster, is a native of the state of Michigan, born and reared upon the farm where he now resides. Is a man of much energy and persever-

Shaw, J. H., a prosperous farmer of Bronson township; is a native of Michigan, born on the same farm upon which he now resides. His farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres of as good land as can be found in the county, under a high state of cultivation and improved with modern buildings. Mr. Shaw pays some attention to breeding fine horses, making a specialty of Cleveland bay and French coach horses.

Sherman, A. A., lumber dealer of Coldwater, is a native of the state of New York. When a child his parents moved to Kendallville, Ind., where the subject of this sketch resided until thirty years of age, following the occupation of farmer. In 1870 he moved to the state of Missouri and engaged in the lumber trade, which he followed until the year 1873, when he came to Coldwater and engaged in the manufacture of carriages. He afterward took up the planing mill business, later engaging in the business of builder and contractor, in company with Mr. Brown, under the firm name of Brown & Sherman. In the year 1890 they took up the retail lumber trade, the firm existing until 1892, when Mr. Sherman purchased the interest of his partner and has since conducted the business. He also owns and conducts a farm near the city of Coldwater. He has served the people as city alderman more than seven years and was candidate for the office of mayor in 1893 on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by four votes, although the city was carried by the Republicans by a majority of from 300 to 325. Is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic fraternity. Is a well known and successful business man

Shipman, John B., attorney and counsellor at law at Coldwater, is a native of the state of Connecticut. He came to Michigan when a child, and was educated in the schools of the state; took up the study of law at Centerville, St. Joseph county, Michigan, and was admitted to the Bar in that county where he practiced six years. He then came to Branch county, where he has since followed his profession. He has served as judge of the circuit court for four years; was made a candidate for the supreme bench but was defeated by Judge Campbell. He has held other positions of honor in the county and state, and stands at the head of his profes-

Short, B. W., farmer residing in Bethel township; was born in Livingston county, N. Y., in 1850, and six years later his parents moved to Jonesville, Michigan, remaining there one year, when they moved to Bethel township where the subject of this sketch has resided since. Mr. Short is owner of a fine farm consisting of

Simmons, Hiram R., resident of Butler, was born in Stamford, Delaware county, N. Y. May 8th, 1841, where he resided until 1861, when he enlisted in the 141st Regiment N. Y. Volunteers, serving three years during the war of the Rebellion, during which time he was engaged in a number of battles and acquitted himself with credit. After an honorable discharge from the army he came west and located in the village of Butler, in 1875, where he entered into the merchantile business in which he has continued since, and is in the enjoyment of a prosperous trade. His parents were natives of Delaware county, N. Y., permanently residing there, both now being dead. His grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The subject of this sketch married Mary E. Conn, who was born in Pontiac county Mich., January 2, 1850. Her father was a native of Boston, born there Febuary 2, 1806. He served as body guard to General Lafayette of revolutionary fame, and was present at the laying of the corner stone of Bunker Hill monument. Her mother's maiden name was Louisa Andrews, who was born in the state of Maine, Febuary 18, 1809, and was married to Charles B. Conn, in 1832 in Boston, from whence they moved to the territory of Michigan in 1834. Her grandfather, Capt. John Perse, fought under Washington, and her father died while marching to the war of 1812. Her son George Conn died in the late war of the Rebellion while in charge of duty after Morgan.

Skeels, Frank L., one of the leading lawyers of Branch county, now deceased, was a native of Coldwater, where he was born in 1847. His father, Nelson Skeels, was a merchant of Coldwater for many yesrs, and after his retirement from business was elected Judge of Probate for one term. Frank L. Skeels after completing a course in the schools of Coldwater attended a prepatory school at Clavarac on the Hudson, New York, and entered Yale College in the year 1865, graduating from there in 1869, when he returned to Coldwater and entered the office of Ex-Judge N. P. Loveridge, where he studied law a short time, and then entered the University of Michigan, law department, from which he gradnated in 1871. He was admitted to the bar soon afterwards, and at once began the practice of law in Coldwater, and rapidly advanced to the front rank of his profession. He served as prosecuting attorney, but refused the judgeship of probate court. He was also connected with the "Courier" of Coldwater for some time. He continued in active practice of his profession up to a short time prior to his death. He was well known and highly spokeu of by all who knew him.

Skinner, C. D., Quincy, was born in the state of New York. A few years later he moved with his parents to Indiana, where he lived twelve years. He afterwards moved to Iowa, where he resided until 1874, when he came to Quincy, Mich., and established a real estate; fire and life insurance office. He is also an auctioneer of wide reputation, doing business for miles around. Mr. Skinner has been married twice. He was married to his first wife in 1859 and to his second in 1891. In his vocation Mr. Skinner is doing a fine business.

Sloman, L., is a dealer in clothingand gents' furnishing goods at Coldwater, he having founded the business in the year 1866. Mr. Sloman is a native of the state of New York, came to Coldwater in the year 1866, and immediately opened his business, which is now the pioneer business house of the city, doing a large business in this and adjoining counties. He is a stockholder and director of the Coldwater National Bank. He has been quite successful in business, and today stands at the head of the business men of Branch county.

Smith, A. L. Mr. Smith is one of the best known farmers and also one of the largest land owners in Branch county. He was born on the farm which he now owns on section 20, Girard township. His father, Benjamin Smith, entered the land in 1832. Besides doing general farming, Mr. Smith has found both pleasure and profit in breeding and developing a high grade of road and track horses, and is the owner of several promising and well known horses; among them can be mentioned Chartana, a son of the well-known sire, Magna Charta. He is also owner of a fashionably bred son of Pilot Medium; dam by Magna Charta; 2d dam by Masterlode; 3d by First Mambrino Chief, and 4th by Hill's Blackhawk. He is also the possessor of several valuable brood mares; among them can be mentioned Snip, dam of Oliver West, 2:25½; Chicago Bell, dam of Goldstone, and a number of others equally good. He also breeds some fine specimens of cattle from the shorthorned Durhams, and in hogs he made a specialty of the Poland China. The farm is well supplied with good buildings and all modern improvements, also a private training track. It is well adapted to general farming, and yields crops above the average. Wheat, per acre, 22 bu., corn 80 bu., oats 40 bu., barley 30 bu. and hay two tons. Mr. Smith has been successful in his chosen work; is well known and respected throughout the

Smith, H. B., farmer of Sherwood township, is a native of Calhoun county. In 1874 he located on his present farm of 240 acres, which is well improved with good frame house and barns.

Smith, H. H., one of the best known farmers of Branch county, is the subject of this mention, residing on section 9, Bethel township. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1832, and continued to reside there till he was eighteen years of age. At that time, in company with his parents, he came to Michigan and located on section 21, Bethel township, in the year 1850. In 1858 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Mary A. Smead, a native of Branch county, Mich. That union has been blest by four children: Herbert J., Ardella, Clara M. and Fred E. In the year 1860 they moved on the farm where they now reside, and which is known throughout the county as the Snow Prairie Stock Farm. Mr. Smith has taken a deep interest in the breeding of a superior grade of horses, and is the owner of several of the best known track horses in the county, among which can be mentioned the well-known brood mare Maggie, dam of Epworth, with a record of 2:45; Joe, trial 2:37; Philetta, with a two-year-old record of 2:28½, which she reduced as a three-year-old to 2:21, and as a four-year-old to 2:201/4. Philetta is one of the best race horses Branch county has ever produced, and Mr. Smith has refused a handsome offer of \$5,000 for her, believing she still has a bright future and possibility of some day reigning as queen of the turf. Besides these well known horses they have raised several other well known colts, such as Trademark, with a trial of 2:40 as a three year old. Their home is one of the most modern in the county, as the accompanying illustration will show. Besides attending to his duties at home, Mr. Smith has found time to take an active interest in county affairs, and has served the people of his township as supervisor and also in other important official positions. He is an ardent republican and is one of the recognized leaders of that party in Branch county.

Smith, Mahlon A. Mrs., wife of M. A. Smith, de-

ceased, is a resident of Coldwater township. Was married at Miles, Michigan, October 5, 1858, where she resided one year; then came to Branch county. She afterwards moved on to the farm where she now resides twenty-eight years ago. Mrs. Smith is the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters. The sons are prominent business men of Miles, Michigan. One daughter is teaching at Coldwater, and the other one is attending school. Mrs. Smith is a prominent member of the M. E. church and is much interested in church and school work. She is managing the farm owned by herself and is meeting with well merited success.

Smith, Moses, lumber dealer and builders' supplies, Portland cement, lime, etc., in the city of Coldwater. He is a native of the state of New Jersey, came to Michigan in 1885, made his home in Coldwater, and purchased the business of E. D. Chapman, now doing a large business, his patrons being residents within the county. He has given his whole time and attention to his business, and was engaged in the same line before he came to Michigan.

Snyder, A E., farmer and stock raiser of Matteson township, came to Branch county from New York, in 1869, and followed the milling business in Michigan and Indiana until the year 1871, when he settled on the farm where he now lives. When he took possession of this farm there was but three acres improved, but he now has six acres under cultivation. For the past twenty years he has paid eonsiderable attention to fine stock and is owner of several of the best road horses. He owns the Bashaw Chief and A. E. S. Mr. Snyder is now filling the office of township treasurer; was elected to that office in the spring of 1893.

Southern Michigan National Bank. This bank is one of the best known and strongest banking houses in the state of Michigan. It was organized in November, 1871, with a capital stock of \$110,000. This was increased in 1874 to \$165,000. Its present capital being \$165,000, with a surplus and undivided profit of \$80,000, making a total of \$245,000, the largest of any bank in Branch county. Its first officers were C. D. Randall, president; C. G. Luce, vicepresident; L. E. Rose, cashier. These officers have been changed, and the present officers consist of L. E. Rose, president; C. D. Randall, vice-president, and A. E. Upson, cashier. In 1891 its charter was extended for twenty years longer. This bank was the first in Branch county to adopt the new Corless burglar-proof safe, its vaults are fire proof and it pays four per cent. interest on all time deposits, The bank has been ably managed and enjoys a reputation of being one of the solid banking institutions of the state of Michigan.

Spade, Noah, farmer, residing on section 5, Kinderhook township, was born in Summit county, Ohio, in 1839, where he resided forty-five years. He was married at the age of twenty, to Miss Mary A. Watters, and then moved to the farm upon which they now reside, and have a beautiful farm of one hundred and five acres and a very fine home. They are the parents of six children, all living except one son, William, who died upon his twenty-first birthday.

Starr, George, was born in the village of Clinton, Lenawee county Mich., September 1, 1838. He attended public and select schools until he was fourteen years of age, when he became clerk in a store to secure funds for a higher education, subsequently attending school at Ypsilanti, and a commercial college at Detroit. In March, 1856, he accepted a position as book-keeper in the banking house of Crippen & Fisk (General C. B. Fisk, now at Seabright, N. J.) and found the business congenial. He remained with the bank during many subsequent changes, became a partner with Henry C. Lewis, the famous art collector of the west, acting as cashier, giving it his zealous attention until July 1, 1865, when the Coldwater National Bank was organized. Mr. Starr was its cashier and one of its principal directors, and so continued by subsequent elections until the death of Mr. Lewis in August, 1884, when he was made president of the bank. He occupied the same desk for so many years that his face became as familiar to the business men as the faces of their own household. Mr. Starr was a quiet, unassuming gentleman of unquestioned integrity, clear judgment, great business ability, and was very successful. He was a public spirited citizen, devoted to the growth and prosperity of the city of Coldwater. In addition to his business as banker, he engaged in several manfacturing enterprises and was partner in two prominent business concerns. He was called by his fellow citizens to different positions of responsibility and trust, serving two years as mayor of his city. Mr. Starr died September 30, 1889. He was the

father of two children, Mr. John Starr, Sr., now one of the leading business men of Coldwater, connected with the Woodward Dry Goods Co.; and Miss Georgie Starr, who is at present attending Ann Arbor University.

Steffe Calvin. The subject of this sketch was born in the year 1840, and came to Gilead township with his mother while yet a child. After her death in 1887, he assumed control of the farm, and has successfully operated it since that time. His attention has been turned to general farming and stock raising. His farm is one of the best in the township and well adapted to stock raising and general farming.

Steffe, Edward, farmer residing in the township of Gilead, is a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, from whence he moved to Branch county in the year 1883, and located on the farm where he now resides. In 1870 he was married to Miss Rebecca Dice, and to this union five children have been born. Mr. Steffe owns one hundred and sixty-five acres of the best farming land in the township. Has a beautiful home and all that is necessary to make life comfortable.

Strickland, Jerome E., farmer, residing in Coldwater township, is a native of the state of New York; came to Branch county in 1884 with his parents, who settled on the farm now owned by him, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres on section 2. He has given some attention to breeding of fine horses and now owns some very promising colts; has also bred short-horn Durham cattle. He has taken an active interest in the public schools, serving as school officer in different capacities. Is a member of the Grange, also of the Farmers' Alliance Society. He has been successful and is considered one of the leading farmers of this township.

Strong, Myron W., farmer, residing on section 19, Kinderhook township, was born in Andover, Allegany county, N. Y., in 1829. At nine years of age he moved with his parents to Coldwater, where they resided seven years, and then moved to Strong Island, where his father made the first settlement and where the subject of this sketch lived until the year 1865. In the year 1866 he was married to Annie Purdy, and moved to the farm upon which he now resides, where he has improved one of the best farms in the county.

Stull, Lazarus, farmer, residing in Matteson township, was born in Mifflin county, Pa., September 25, 1826. He is a son of Barnhard and Elizabeth (Goth) Stull, descendants of New Jersey, who located in Pennsylvania, where they raised their family. They were tillers of the soil, as have been the Stulls so far as known. At the age of twentytwo, the subject of this sketch moved to Seneca county, Ohio, where he followed the occupation of farmer and blacksmith. In the year 1853, he came to St. Joseph county, Michigan, and later to Branch county, where he engaged in clearing land, doing as much grubbing and land clearing as any resident of the state. He was married in 1855, to Marie Staley. In the year 1860 he emigrated to Fremont county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of eighty acres, where he remained five years, when he returned to Branch county, and purchased the farm where he now lives, concluding that Michigan was a good enough state for him. Mrs. Stull died in August, 1865, leaving four children, Ellen, now deceased, Albert, Solomon, now deceased, and Jacob B., who is still at home at home with his father. In 1866, he married Miss Sarah Lyter, of Branch county. When he moved onto his farm it was wild land, but by industry of himself and son he now has a fine farm of eighty acres.

Sweet, Hezekiah, present sheriff of Branch county was born in Lake county, Ohio, in 1840. Came to Branch county with his parents in 1851, they settling in Batavia township. He was educated in the county and spent his early life in the occupation of farming. At the age of eighteen he began clerking, which he followed until 1861, when he enlisted in Company E, First Michigan Infantry, and served two years. He was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Gaines' Mills in 1862, was held prisoner for six weeks, then exchanged. He again enlisted in August, 1864, in Company C, 28th Michigan Infantry, serving until the close of the war. When the war was over he returned to Branch county and entered into business. In 1890 was elected sheriff of Branch county, and re-elected in 1892. Is a member of the G. A. R., A. O. U. W. and Union Veterans' Union.

Montague, J. H., Coldwater, serving at present as justice of peace, is a native of the state of New York, coming to Michigan in 1869, and made his permanent home in Coldwater. In 1876 he was elected constable, serving as such fourteen years;

has also been one of the coroners of the county since January 1, 1887, In 1891 was elected justice of the peace to fill the unexpired term of F.T. Eddy. Has also been deputy United States marshal for three years. Has always taken an active interest in politics and is one of the leading republicans of the county.

Mosher, James D., present county treasurer, was born February 8, 1860, in Coldwater township, Branch county. In early youth he attended the schools of the county and finished his education in Hillsdale college. After leaving college he engaged in the business of farming and taught school during the winter months. He served as township clerk for Kinderhook since 1887, until his election to the office of county treasurer in the year 1892, and is now serving his first term. His grandfather, James Mosher, a native of New York state, was one of the pioneers of Branch county, having settled here in September, 1835, his father, Edwin Mosher, being at that time six years of age. The country was then a nearly unbroken forest, but he lived to see the railroad and other modern improvements follow the clearing up of the land. The parents and grandparents of the subject of this sketch were farmers by occupation,

Munro, Chas. V. M., farmer, resident of Butler township, was born in Litchfield, Hillsdale county, Mich., November 4, 1847. His parents moved to Butler township when our subject was but three years of age, and this has been his home ever since. His parents were natives of the state of New York, and came to Branch county at an early day. Mr. Munro and his mother are joint owners of five hundred and twenty acres of farm land, three hundred of which is under cultivation, producing crops as bountiful as that of any farm in the county.

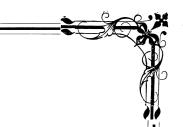
Murphy, Thomas, resident of Quincy, is one of the oldest settlers in Branch county. He has always been an active citizen, full of enterprise and public spirit, giving his best efforts in the promotion of the interests of the county. He and his aged wife are comfortably situated on their farm in Quincy.

Narber, C., farmer, residing in Sherwood, is a native of St. Joseph county, Michigan. He came to Branch county in 1876, where he has since remained, except a short time spent in other parts of the state. Is owner of one hundred and eighteen acres in Sherwood township and other property in Antrim county, His farm in Sherwood is all under cultivation and is well improved with good houses and barns.

Nettleton, V. L., hardware dealer of Coldwater. The business was organized in the year 1866 by D. Nettleton, who conducted it until 1889. The business was then transferred to the present proprietor, Mr. V. L. Nettleton, who has made a specialty of bicycles, selling over seventy wheels last season, and over one hundred this. He has done the largest trade in that line of any one house in the state outside of the cities of Detroit or Grand Rapids. Mr. Nettleton is a member of the order of K. of P. Has been successful and is well known throughout the county.

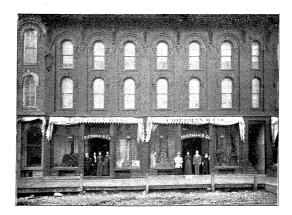
Newbery & Peters, attorneys and counselors-at--law. This firm, consisting of Frank D. Newbery and Melvin E. Peters, was organized in September. 1891. Mr Newbery is a native of Michigan, born at Rochester, Oakland county, and was educated at Williams College, Mass, graduating in the class of 1863. He then studied medicine, graduating from the university of Michigan in the class of 1865. After teaching a number of years in Oakland and Branch counties, he was elected county clerk of Branch county in 1874, and served for six years. While still clerk he was admitted to the bar in 1878, and in 1881 commenced the practice of law. For six years he was in partnership with Charles N. Legg, the present judge of probate of said county, and was afterwards associated with Milo D. Campbell and Morey O. Viets in the practice of his profession. During the war of the rebellion he served for two years as a private in company K, 5th regiment, N. Y. Vols. (Duryees Zouaves) and from 1887 to 1891 held the office of inspector general of Michigan state troops. Mr. Peters, the junior member of the firm, is also a native of Michigan, born in Hillsdale county. He graduated from the law department of the university of Michigan in 1891, when he was admitted to the bar and began practice in the same year at Coldwater, forming a partnership with Mr. Newbery. Is now serving as circuit court commissioner.

Newberry, P. M., farmer, residing in Quincy township, was married at Wilton, Saratoga county,

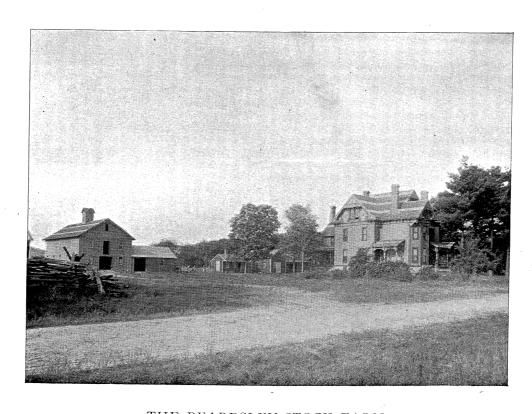




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N. Y., to Miss Hannah Seabery, of the same, in the year 1834, and moved from there to Hillsdale county in 1836, where he remained one year when he moved to Quincy township and settled on and improved the place where he now resides. He is the second oldest settler living in Quincy, being one of the very earliest settlers. Mr. Newberry has served as supervisor, highway commissioner and school inspector of his township a number of years. He attended the first town meeting held in Quincy after the state was admitted. Is the father of three children, two of them daughters, who married two brothers, A. H. Etheridge and K. B. Etheridge; one, a son, Warren M., now deceased, was a member of the 11th Michigan infantry, and died in hospital at Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Newberry died in the year 1879. Mr. Newberry admires fine stock and breeds Jersey cattle and Shrop-

Nofsinger, C. K., resident of Noble, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in the year 1851. When he was fourteen years of age, his parents moved to LaGrange county, Ind., where our subject lived on the farm until he was twenty-five years or age. He was married to Miss Lucinda Keim, April 30, 1876, and moved to Noble in the fall of that year where he has resided for fifteen years, two years of his married life having been spent in Indiana. Mr. Nofsinger's occupation has been that of a farmer all his life, but in connection with his farming, he also engaged in buying and shipping butter and eggs for three years. He has served the people as justice of the peace for two terms, and has been supervisor of Noble township for five years. Has been a man of good habits always, and believes in the teachings of the Bible, as also does his wife. Mrs. Nofsinger was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and came with her parents to LaGrange county, Ind., in 1863, and resided there until her marriage. Mrs. Nofsinger's parents were natives of the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Nofsinger is of French descent, his father being a native of Alsace, France. They are the parents of one son, Vernon V. Nofsinger, who was born in Noble, Branch county, July 18, 1882. He is a bright youth and has already learned to speak the German as well as the English language.

Norton & Darling, proprietors of the Quincy Plow Works, is an enterprising firm of young business men engaged in the manufacture of plows, harrows, cultivators, etc., for the wholesale and retail trade. They also do all kinds of repair work upon agricultural implements and farm machinery in first-class workmanship manner. By strict attention to business and fair dealing, they have built up a nice paying business, and are well and favorably known.

Delmore A. Teller, County Commissioner of Schools, was born in Matteson township Branch county, Michigan, October 6, 1868. His father, Therom Teller, a native of New York, was born in Wayne county, New York, 1845, and came to Michigan with his parents, Stephen and Mary Teller, in 1854, settling in Batavia township, in July, 1867. He was married to Miss Louilla Paxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paxon. Our subject was educated in the common schools of the county, and completed his education in the schools of Sherwood, Michigan, and Angola, Indiana. He first began teaching in the fall of 1888. In the spring of 1891 he entered Olivet college, remaining there until nearly the close of the year. In March, 1892, he again entered the school of Angola, Indiana, where he remained until July, at which time he was married to Miss Ina M. Grove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Grove, of Batavia township. In August he and his bride returned to Angola where Mr. Teller continued his work in the college. In the spring of 1893 he was elected to the office of county commissioner of schools of Branch Michigan, and entered upon the duties of that office July 1, 1893. The duties of this office he has discharged to the entire satisfaction of the people of this county.

The American Cigar Co., Coldwater, organized in the year 1873, continuing in various forms up to the present time. The parties now interested are Messrs. L. M. Wing, Bernard Lilly and G. VanValkenburgh. Product of factory in 1892 was nearly four million cigars of all grades, in the manufacture of which ninety hands are employed. Amount expended for labor in 1892 was over \$29,000. Goods are sold in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska and in other western and southern states. The factory occupies four floors, 44x60 feet. This company is well and favorably known and have built up a large and growing trade.

The Branch County Savings Bank. This well and favorably known banking house was organized and incorporated under the laws of the state of Michigan in the fall of 1890, with a capital stock of

\$50,000, divided among some fifty stock holders, nearly all of whom are residents of Coldwater and its Offices were fitted up especially for the use of the bank, with modern fire-proof vaults, and burglar proof safe, and on the 9th day of December, 1890, its doors were opened for business with Mr. B. S. Spofford, pres., and C. T. Gilbert, cashier. Under their efficient management the business has been a success from the start and has had the confidence and support of the community, upwards of thirteen hundred saving deposit books having been issued. The bank does both commercial and savings business, receiving deposits in sums of ten cents and upwards. It pays four per cent. interest on deposits and certificates according to the rules of the bank, and makes loans on real-estate and approves note security. The bank also has a fire-proof vault entirely separate from the bank vault in which safety deposit boxes are rented, thus affording the general public a fire-proof safe in which to keep their valuable papers. The present board of directors are B. F. Spofford, B. R. Moore, N. A. Reynolds, C. T. Gilbert, F. L. Burrdick, Al Milnes, S. H. Clyzbe, G. W. VanAken and R. G. Chandler.

The Coldwater Cigar Box Factory, owned and operated by E. R. Root, who is a native of Coldwater, born and raised in this city. The business was established by A. A. Wood in 1879, who erected the factory in 1882. It came in its present owner's hands in 1889. The factory has a capacity of from one thousand to twelve hundred cigar boxes per day, consuming a large quantity of native wood and Spanish cedar. He employs fifteen people in the manufacture of his product, which finds a ready market in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. M. Root is at present president of the board of waterworks and electric light commissioners; was assistant postmaster from 1867 to 1882. He has been quite successful in business and enjoys a large and growing trade.

The Coldwater Oil Stove company, with authorized capital stock of \$25,000, was organized in October, 1892, with E. W. Tibbetts, president, C.R. Tibbetts, vice-president, and B. S. Tibbetts, secretary and treasurer. The stove is known as the "All Right" oil heating stove, also the "All Right" lamp cook stove for light house-keeping. The stove is manufactured in Coldwater, and nowhere else, and finds a market over the entire country. The secretary and treasurer is one of the best known business men of Southern Michigan. In the first year of the company's existence they manufactured and sold over \$60,000 worth of their goods, and present indications point to steady increase over this amount. At present they employ about fifty people.

The Coldwater Republican is the oldest paper in Branch county, and is the outgrowth of numerous consolidations. In the fall of 1857 Messrs Eddy & Gray commenced the publication of the Branch County Republican, which was then the organ of the Republican party for Branch county. Mr. Eddy acted as its editor-in-chief for nearly two years when it was sold to J. A. Boyd, and after a short time again sold to Judge Gray, who conducted it until 1861, when it again changed hands, and Mr. F. B. Way became its owner, and the name was then changed to the Branch County Gazette. Mr. Way continued the publication of the paper until the close of the war, when Messrs. Breeder & Burr became the owners of the plant. In 1868 the Gazette was purchased by the Republican and consolidated in that paper. On August 23, 1866, Major David Easton assumed control of the paper, and enlarged it to an eight-page publication with five columns to the page. Major Easton continued his publication until December, 1866, when Dr.D. P. Nichols purchased an interest in the Republican and became one of the editors. Messrs. Easton & Nichols continued the publication of the Republican for about a year when Messrs. W. . & O. A. Bowen became its owners. In 1868 the Branch County Gazette was consolidated with the Republican, making it one of the strongest county newspapers in the state. The paper after that time changed hands on several occasions up to 1873, when it became the property of A. J. Aldrich & Co., who continued the publication up to 1893, when its present owners, George W. Perry & Co., assumed control of the plant, and who have since successfully published the same. It is now the largest paper published in Branch county, containing sixty-four columns of twenty-four inches each. The subscription price is one dollar per year and it enjoys a wide circulation throughout this and adjoining counties.

The Coldwater Star was established in June, 1892, and has been the organ of the Prohibition party of Branch county, a limited space being devoted to the politics of the county, but a greater part of the paper being occupied with local and county news.

No doubt it is this fact that has enabled it at this date to secure a circulation of over 1,200 copies, though only started about sixteen months ago in a badly crowded field. The Star stands on its merits, and is steadily gaining in friends and in circulation among men of all parties. Its price is \$1.00 per year, and its advertising rates are moderate and none but the best of advertisements are accepted at any price. Not an advertisement for liquor, tobacco, patent medicine, quack traveling doctors, etc., has ever appeared in its columns. The paper is issued by the Star Publishing company, of which Mr. W. C. Bailey is a principal owner, also secretary and managing editor. E. O. Smith is president of the company, D. E. Priddy, vice-president and D. C. Shaw, treasurer. The motto under which the Star has been conducted is: "We have no use for the liquor traffic."

The Coldwater Sun. This paper was founded July 20, 1882, by C. J. Thorpe & Co. Mr. Thorpe later disposed of his interest to Mr. W. C. Bailey in August, 1883. In 1888 Mr. Bailey became sole owner of the paper which he disposed of in 1891 to its present owners, a joint stock company incorporated under the laws of the state. At this time Mr. E. A. Blackman, of Hillsdale, became the lessee and manager. Mr. Blackman conducted this paper until his death the year following, when his son, H. C. Blackman, became its editor and controlled the same until March, 1893. At this time, Mr. C A. White assumed the management and has conducted it since that time. In politics the Sun was first started in the interest of the greenback party, under the second management it was changed to democratic, and again to prohibition, lastly it became the organ of the democracy of Branch county, in which faith it remains. Its growth was slow but healthy, increasing its circulation from seven hundred and twenty to about two thousand four hundred in six years. It, at one time, exceeded thirty-one hundred, but at the present time its circulation is in the neighborhood of twenty-five hundred. The paper is now well managed and ably edited and is considered one of the best democratic papers in southern Michigan.

The Courier. The Courier, one of the leading newspapers of Branch county, was established in November, 1881, by Messrs. Moore & Nichols, who published it until 1889, when Mr. Nichols disposed of his interest to J. N. Foster. The paper was then continued by Messrs Foster & Moore for two years when they were succeeded by Newell & Owen, who in turn were succeeded by Mr. C. W. Owen. In the spring of 1893, Mr. Owen disposed of a half interest to Major Turner, and the present proprietors are now Owen & Turner. This paper was started as a seven-column folio. Its growth was phenomenal from the start, attaining a circulation of over one thousand five hundred the first year of its existence, which has increased steadily until it now exceeds over two thousand five hundred among the best people of Branch county. It has been enlarged from time to time, first to an eight-column folio, then to a six-column quarto and is now a seven-column quarto. Its politics is republican, and is recognized as the organ of that party in Branch county.

Thompson, Alonzo, Quincy, Mich., was born in Oakland county, Michigan, in the year 1853, came to Branch county with his parents in 1883 where he has since resided, being one of the pioneers who has helped to develop the county. He was married in 1875 to Miss Maggie Flynn; they are parents of six children, two sons and four daughters. Mr. Thompson has served as deputy marshal and on the police force of the city of Coldwater. He learned the cigar-maker's trade when quite young, and is now a manufacturer, finding a ready trade for his goods. His special brand, "Silver Tips," is in great demand wherever introduced.

Thompson, Charles, farmer of Matteson township. He settled on the farm in 1861, where he has since resided. In 1865 he enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth Michigan Infantry, and served during the remainder of the war. He filled the office of township clerk for two terms.

Tift, A. J., farmer of Algansee township, was born in Washtenaw county, Mich., September 11, 1835, and three years later his parents moved to Kinderhook township, Branch county. Mr. Tift is now a resident of Algansee township, his home being upon eighty acres of land on section 22. He also owns eighty acres in California township. He served as a soldier in the war of the rebellion three years, and took part in the battles of Winchester, Va., Gettysbury Pa., being wounded during the latter engagement, also a number of skirmishes. Was also at the capitulation of Richmond. Mr. Tift makes a business of agriculture but has held some of the public

offices of his township. Is a man well known and highly respected for his integrity. Is a member of the Free Methodist church.

Tift, E. V., farmer, residing on section 2, Gilead township, was born in the same township in the year 1863, where he has continuously resided since. Was married in 1891, to Miss Sadie A. Richardson, of Bronson, Mich., and they have since resided upon their homestead, having a fine farm under the highest stage of cultivation, well improved in all respects. Mr. Stephen Tift, the father of the subject of this sketch, is a native of Allegany county, N. Y. where he was born in the year 1823. At the age of ten years he moved with his parents to Washtenaw county, Mich., and three years later to Branch county. Rebecca Trisch was born in Stark county, Ohio, moved to Dekalb county, Ind., in 1850, was married to Stephen Tift in 1862, and came to Branch county at that time.

Treat, Egbert W., one of the leading farmers of the county, is a native of Branch county, his father settling in the township of Ovid in the year 1837. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in the same township where he now owns three hundred and seventy-two acres of land. He has given particular attention to the breeding of short-horned cattle, and has a fine herd of over twenty head. He is now engaged in the handling of the Spellmyer wire fence, and has applied for a patent on one of his own inventions. Has also been engaged in buying and shipping lumber to some extent. He has served as justice of the peace in Ovid township, also school inspector, and has taken some interest in general politics. He has been successful and is considered one of the leading men of the county. Is a stockholder in the Branch County Savings Bank. Has resided in the city of Coldwater since 1891.

Trump, G. W., farmer, residing on section 30, Coldwater township, moved there from Ovid township in 1879. He settled in Ovid township in 1866, where he resided until his removal as above. His parents and grandparents settled in Starke county, Ohio, in an early day, emigrating there from a point near Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Trump is engaged as general farmer, having an excellent reputation and is respected by all who know him.

Tucker, C. M., genial proprietor of the farmers feed barn and livery, is one of the best known men in Union City. He was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., on September 26, 1853. Came to Michigan when seventeen years of age, and was engaged in milling in Calhoun county for several years. He afterwards moved to Wisconsin, but again returned to Michigan. In 1892 he began the livery and feed business and has made a decided success of the same, Mr. Tucker is now alone in the world, his wife and child having both died in about 1882. He is wellknown over the county, and enjoys a good business.

Tuttle, Timothy, farmer, residing in Kinderhook township, was born in Syracuse, N. Y., in the year 1832, coming west in childhood with his parents, who settled in Marshall county, Ind., where he resided until the age of twenty-two, when he moved to Branch county where he has resided ever since. He was married in the year 1853, and located on section 19, Kinderhook township.

Umsted, William, farmer, residing in Gilead township, was born in Bethel township, Branch county, in 1843, residing there until 1871, when he moved to the farm he now occupies on section 6 which he has improved to the highest stage of cultivation. He pays some attention to the breeding of draft horses of the best kind. His farm consists of three hundred and sixty-seven acres of the finest iand in the county, tiful home for himself.

Upson, Hon. Charles. The subject of this mention was born in Southington, Conn., March 19, 1821, and died at Coldwater, Mich., September 6, 1885. He attended the district school of his native town until his thirteenth year, when he entered the select school of Jese Olney, the compiler of Olney's series of Geographies. He then entered the academy of his native town which he attended for two winters, after that he taught for seven winters, two of which he was in charge of the schools in Farmington, Conn. He next was a student in the higher academical course at Meriden, Conn. In the spring of 1844, he began the study of law with Judge Lowry, at Southington, and in the fall of the same year entered the Yale college law school, remaining there one year. In the fall of 1845 he removed to Michigan, teaching in Constantine, St. Joseph county, the following winter. In 1846, he entered the law office of Gurney & Hammond, at Centerville, and in January, the fantry, in the war of the rebellion.

following year, was appointed deputy clerk of St. Joseph county, and was admitted to the bar the same year after being examined before the supreme court at Kalamazoo. He served two years as deputy clerk, and in 1848 was elected county clerk, which position he held for two years. In 1852 he was elected prosecuting attorney for St. Joseph county and filled that office for two years, at the end of which time he was nominated and elected state senator from that county. In 1856 Mr. Upson moved to Coldwater and formed a partnership with the Hon. George A. Coe, forming the law firm of Coe & Upson. In 1857 was appointed a member of the railroad commissioners and served as such for four years. In 1860 was nominated by the republican party as a candidate for attorney general of the state, to which office he was elected. In 1862 he was elected representative to congress, and was re-elected in 1864, and again in 1866, serving in all three terms. In the spring of 1869 Mr. Upson was elected judge of the 15th judicial district which office he held until December 31, 1872. In 1871 he was appointed by Governor Baldwin as one of two commissioners to examine the compilation of the laws made that year. In 1873 he was appointed by Governor Bagley as one of the commissioners who met in Lansing to revise the constitution and report amendments thereto. In 1880 he was elected state senator from St. Joseph and Branch counties by a handsome majority. In 1883 he was defeated in the republican state convention for justice of the supreme court. During his life Mr. Upson served the city of Coldwater as its mayor, and was also a member of its school-board. In 1865 he assisted in the organization of the Coldwater national bank. Was married August 3, 1852, to Miss Sophia Montgomery Upham, and was the father of three children.

Van Aken Bros., livery, feed and sale stables, hack and wagonette line, Coldwater. The business was founded by J. H. Van Aken in 1866, and conducted by him until 1887, when Mark J. and Bernie L., his sons, purchased the business and have since enlarged it to more than twice its original capacity, making it one of the most extensive and completely equipped establishments of its kind in southern Michigan. They keep an average of twenty first-class driving horses and have an exceptionally fine assortment of carriages, buggies and hacks, also two elegantly appointed and finished funeral cars. Both these gentlemen are natives of Branch county, and are well and favorably known. By long and extensive experience they have acquired a thorough knowledge of the livery business, which makes them eminently well qualified to successfully manage such an establishment, their patrons, therefore, always being sure of courteous treatment and satisfactory service. Mr. M. J. Van Aken is a member of the city council, having represented the first ward in that body for four years. Mr. B. L. Van Aken is a popular and prominent member of the local Masonic and K P. lodges.

Vanaken, George W., resident of Coldwater, is a native of Monroe county, N. Y. He came to Michigan in the year 1833, settled in Lenawee county, living there until 1836, when he removed to Girard township, and engaged in farming, which he followed until about one year ago. For the past seven years he has engaged in buying and shipping live stock. He has given considerable attention to breeding and raising fine horses. George W., record 2:20, was raised by him. Of late years he has given some attention to raising sheep. He has served as supervisor of Girard township for fourteen years, and in 1873 and 1875 served in the state legislature. He is a stockholder and director in the Branch County Savings Bank.

Van Fleet, A. S., Bronson, dealer in grain, farm produce and poultry, successor to W. H. Gillson & Co., who established the business in 1888. Mr Van Fleet succeeded to the business in October, 1892. He is one of the prominent men of Bronson and has filled numerous places of honor. He was for a number of years a member of the firm of H. Powers & Co., general merchants. He has resided in the village thirty-one years and is known as an active, energetic business man.

VanNuys, Jacob H., farmer, residing in Matteson township, was born in Seneca county, N. Y., in the year 1847. Moved with his parents to Lenawee county, Mich., when nine years of age, and two years later moved to Branch county. Has been a farmer resident of Michigan all his life except five years, during which he was engaged as farmer in Steuben county, Ind. He settled on the farm now occupied by him in the year 1881. He served nine months in 1865 as a soldier in Company H, 11th Michigan In-

Vicory, Jackson L., farmer, residing in Butler township, was born in Lenawee county, Mich., April 18, 1844. His parents moved to Butler township in the year 1853. February 2, 1863, Mr. Vicory enlisted in the union army, joining the First Regiment, Michigan Light Art., and served until the close of the war. He was mustered into the service at Coldwater April 11, 1863, and left for the front May 20, going to Kentucky. Went into his first action with his command at Triplet Bridge, Ky., June 16, 1863, and was with the battery in all of its engagements, including the Morgan raid during that year. Went into winter quarters at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., December 12, 1863, and was stationed in the fortifications there until June 29, 1864, when his command was again furnished with horses and went to Knoxville, arriving there July 1. There he was assigned to the Second Brigade, Reserve Artillery, 4th Division, 23d army corps, and continued on service at Knoxville until December 8. With one section and twenty-five men was detached and ordered to Strawberry Plains, Tenn., to guard a railroad bridge over Halsteen River at that point. On the 8th of January, 1865, he was taken sick and sent back to Knoxville where he remained in his tent about three weeks. On the 31st of January, he was sent to the hospital at Knoxville and remained there until May 25, when he was transferred to Nashville, Tenn., staying there until July 5, when his brother from the north came after him, obtained a furlough for him and brought him home, where he remained until September 6, 1865, when he was mustered out of the service at Detroit, Mich. While in the service with the battery he participated in the engagements at Triplet Bridge, Ky., June 16, 1863; at Lebanon, Ky., July 5, 1863, at Buffington Island, Ohio, July 19, 1863; Steubenville, Ohio, July 26, 1863; London Bridge, Tenn., September 22, 1863. In the army record, his name appears as Vickory instead of Vicory, his correct civil name. He is a member of Col. Loonis Post No. 2, G. A. R, and U. V. U. of Coldwater. He was married to Emeline Crandall, who was a native of Litchfield, Mich., May 6, 1866.

Wakeman, M. B., register of deeds, Branch county, was born in the state of Ohio and came with his parents to Branch county when a child. He grew to manhood in this county, and for many years conducted a grist-mill and saw-mill in Algansee township. He served the people four years as township treasurer, eight years as supervisor, and in 1892 was elected to the office of register of deeds and is now serving his first term as such.

Walker, Charles A., Bronson, livery stables, established business in 1886, near the depot. In 1889 he purchased the business of T. J. Ferguson, in the rear of Clark House. He is the leading man in that business, in fact, has the best stable in the county outside of the city of Coldwater. He was appointed deputy sheriff in January, 1891, and is now filling his second term as such, having been a very successful officer, making as many important arrests during his incumbency as any officer in the county. As an officer and as a business man he is well and favorably known, possessing pluck and energy to be successful in anything he undertakes.

Wattles, M. E. The subject of this mention, M. Wattles, is one of the representative men of Branch county. He is a native of New York, but became a resident of Michigan in 1883, locating in Kalamazoo, and for five years filled the responsible position of division superintendent of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway for the Grand Rapids division. Prior to accepting this position Mr. Wattles was engaged for fifteen years by this company; and also filled the position of superintendent of construction for the Nickel Plate Railroad, personally superintending the work on that line between Chicago and Fort Wayne, Ind. He was also connected with the Rock Island Road for two years as superintendent of the southwest division of Kansas extension ot that system. In the winter of 1890 Mr. Wattles became a resident of Coldwater, and at the present time is engaged in farming. Since becoming a resident of Branch county he has taken an active interest in county politics and is now president of the Farmers' Alliance of the county. He has also been interested in the banking institutions of the county and for one year had the management of the bank of Sherwood. He is at present a stockholder in the Branch county savings bank. The success that attended his efforts in railroad circles has followed him in other lines of business.

Weaver, Allen, farmer, residing upon section 2, Gilead township, has one of the best farms in the county, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres under the highest stage of cultivation. For the past ten years the average yield of wheat upon his farm

was eighteen bushels, and of corn seventy-five bushels per acre. Has one of the best farm residences in the county; also large barns built upon the most modern plans. M. Weaver is a native of Huron county, Ohio, coming from thence to Branch county in the year 1854.

Welkins, J. H., farmer residing upon section 13, Gilead township, is a native of Michigan, having been born March 20, 1838, and enjoys the distinction of being the first white child born in Gilead township. He is residing upon a farm of 160 acres of land, which is in the best stage of cultivation, his house and large barns are model buildings in all respects. He has devoted considerable attention to raising of fruits, of which he produces the choicest varieties, also takes pride in raising fine sheep. He raises general crops, consisting of wheat, corn, oats, rye, etc., and take it all together has one of the best farms in the township. Mr. Welkins has all his life given more or less attention to public interests, being called in that direction when but twenty-one years of age to fill the office of assessor, and in all has served twenty-eight years in various official capacities for the township. He was married at the age of twentytwo to Miss Elizabeth E. Graves, and to this union twelve children have been born, nine of whom are still living, residing near their parent's home to their great delight. Mr. Welkins descends from pioneer stock, his great grandparents, John and Hanna Welkins, came from England about 1750, located in the state of New Jersey, where they raised a family of nine children. His grandfather, Thomas Welkins was born in New Jersey in 1778, and his father, Benjamin Welkins, was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1814, moving with his parents at the age of eight years to Marion county, Ohio, who six years later came to Branch county and settled in Gilead township, where he resided until his death. His father was one of the hearty pioneers, and a prominent man of his time, serving the township in various official capacities. He entered his home under the preemption laws by following an Indian trail to the land upon which he made his homestead for the remainder of his life.

Wells, Dudley M., attorney and counsellor, of Coldwater, is a native of Lenawee county, Michigan, born in Blissfield in 1853, where he resided until twelve years of age. He then came to Hillsdale county, and was educated there. Entered the University of Michigan in 1877, and graduated from the law department two years later, beginning the practice of his profession the same year, which he has followed continually since. He served as city alderman for two years, and circuit court commissioner two years. He has devoted his entire attention to the profession of his choice and is in possession of a large and growing clientage.

Whitten, Henry, farmer residing upon section 25, Bethel township, was born in North Fairfield, Huron Co., Ohio, in 1845. At nine years of age moved with his parents to Branch county, where he has resided ever since, with the exception of three years and four months when he served as soldier in the Union army in the 78th and ro2d Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, serving under Generals Banks, Mansfield, Slocum, and A. S. Williams, taking part in the principal battles of the Army of the Potomac, and was transferred with Hooker to the western department. The father of our subject Orrin Whitten, was born in Knox county, N. Y., in 1812, and moved to Huron county, Ohio, when a young man, coming from thence to Michigan in the year 1854, when he settled in Algansee township. He was married in

1843 to Caroline Rogers of Huron county, Ohio, who died in the year 1851.

Wilbur, Don Q., Quincy, Mich., is one of the leading business men of Quincy, Michigan. Is a harness maker and operates a first class shop. He is an active and energetic young business man, and has met with splendid success.

Wiibur, R., of Quincy was born in Onondaga Co., N. Y., October 13, 1815. Came to Branch county fifty-eight years ago, and settled on the farm in Quincy township, which he now owns, consisting of 223 acres of well improved land. He was married fifty-three years ago to Miss Hannah Cummings, in Syracuse, N. Y., and to this union six children have been born.

Wilcox, L. P., retired farmer, ex-sheriff and extreasurer of Branch Co., came from the state of New York with his parents, who settled in Sherwood township in the year 1870. Mr. Wilcox served the people as treasurer of the county from 1872 to 1876, under sheriff from 1876-78, sheriff from 1878 to 1883. In September 1883 he returned to his home in the village of Sherwood, where he now resides. Is the owner of 105 acres of good land well improved with good buildings, also owner of other property. At the present time he is serving as clerk of his township.

Wilkins, William H., farmer, residing on section 10, Kinderhook township, was born on section 13, Gilead township, in the year 1861. At the age of twenty-four he married and commenced housekeeping at East Gilead, where he lived until October 26, 1893, when he moved to Kinderhook, residing there at present. Mrs. Wilkins was a native of the township of Kinderhook, born in the year 1865. They are the parents of a daughter, who was born October 11, 1885. Mr. Wilkins is a thorough farmer, that having been his occupation since childhood. He owns a farm in Gilead township.

Williams, Willard, farmer, resident of Butler township, was born in Bristol, Ontario county, N. Y., Aug. 6, 1847. Came to Homer, Calhoun county, with his parents in the year 1850, living there with them until March, 1870. He was married to Julia Amelia Mary, March 16, 1870, and then went to Allegan, Michigan, and worked a farm for his father. In the year 1875 he purchased a small farm in Clarendon, Calhoun county, Michigan, and in 1884 bought his farm of eighty acres in Butler where he has resided since that time, following the occupation of farmer. He is also serving as justice of the peace and is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. His father's name was Edwin Williams, born November 25, 1814, at Great Barrington, Mass. His mother's maiden name was Delia Hills, who was born at Great Barrington, Mass., November 10, 1816. Mrs. Williams' parents came from Germany.

Williams, F. N., Coldwater, dealer in buggies, harness, turf goods, bicycles, etc. He founded his business in 1889 and has an excellent trade in the county. He is a native of the city of Coldwater and is well known as a reliable business man. Has been successful and enjoys a large and growing business.

Williams, Delbert E., was born in Bethel township, Branch county, November 24, 1865. He is the son of Warren and Catharine Dickinson Williams, whose parents came to Michigan in the year 1836. His father's people were from Onondaga county, New York, and his maternal grandparents' family home is Amherst, Mass. Mr. Williams was united in marriage September 22, 1890, to Miss Clara Sanderson of Bethel, Mich. He

has resided all his life in his native township, excepting one summer in 1870, which was spent in Topeka, Kas. Gilead's many churches, school-houses, cemeteries, and genuine prosperity is the best evidence of the pluck and sterling worth of her pioneers. That the spirit of the fathers is not lost in the subject of this sketch is evidenced from the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen, he having continuously since his majority been selected to positions of trust and responsibility in church, Sunday-school, league and grange work. At the present time he is serving as township treasurer, superintendent of Sunday-school and in other positions. In addition to having charge of his farm he also engages in the occupation of teacher in public schools. He finds rest only in activity, believing that pluck, not luck, a determination that stops at no obstacle, with loyalty to God and to his fellow-men are the elements of all true success.

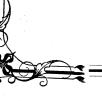
Wilson, W., Dr., of Coldwater, is a native of Scotland, who came to this country at the age of twelve years, in 1860. His first residence in America was at Albany, N. Y., where he was reared and educated. In the year 1877 he moved to St. Louis, Mo.. and one year later came to Coldwater. In 1881 he began the study of medicine and graduated from the Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, three years later, and commenced the practice of medicine in East Saginaw where he remained one year. Came to Coldwater in 1886 where he has since remained. Has given his whole time and attention to the practice of his profession, meeting with excellent success, and now enjoys a large and growing practice.

Woodcox, C. H., Dr., of Coldwater, is a native of the state of Indiana, born and raised in DeKalb county. He acquired his education in the state of Indiana, graduating from one of the best schools in that state. He took up the study of medicine in the year 1871 at Antwerp, Ohio. He acquired his medical education in full at the Bennett Medical Institute of Chicago, and began the practice of his profession in the state of Michigan. He has practiced in Branch county twenty years, eleven of which he has resided in Coldwater. Is a member of the State Eclectic Medical Society, Masonic Fraternity, and G. A. R. He served as soldier during the war of the rebellion three years in the 11th Ohio Infantry. Has been quite successful in practice and is well and favorably known throughout the county.

Yeatter, Sydney, farmer, of Matteson township, located one and one-half miles from Colon, came from St. Joseph county, in 1890, to the farm where he now lives. He owns a fine farm of sixty acres all under cultivation and has a good brick house and out-buildings.

Young, C. H., furniture dealer of Quincy, established his business in 1893, carrying a full line of furniture and undertakers' supplies. Is owner of a fine residence in Quincy. Mr. Young has been a member of the town council, having served in that capacity for three years. For the past five years Mr. Young has represented the leading furniture manufacturers as traveling salesman, and is well known to the furniture trade throughout Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Zull, George, farmer, resident of Gilead township, was born in 1825. He located on section 13, in the year 1867, where he and his wife have since resided. He has improved ninety-five acres of land to a fine standard of cultivation with good and substantial buildings. He was also a soldier in the 12th Michigan Vol. Infantry in the war of the rebellion.



# Official Register

### OF BRANGHL COUNTY, MIGHIGAN.

Showing County and Court Officers, and Years of Service of Each.

COUNTY CLERKS.	C. D. Randall, Coldwater, 1870-1872	C. D. Wright, served 1876 to 1878	Daniel A. Douglas, served 1870 to 1874
Wales Adams, served from 1833 to 1836	J. H. McGowan, Coldwater, 1872-1874	A. N. Legg, " " "	Franklin T. Eddy, " 1874 to 1878
C. P. West, "1836 to 1840	J. H. Jones, Quincy, 1874-1876	N. A. Reynolds, " 1878 to 1880	William H. Donaldson," 1878 to 1880
H. B. Stillman, " 1840 to 1844	F. E. Morgan, Coldwater, 1876-1878	C. N. Legg, " " "	Zelotes G. Osborn, "1880 to 1886
C. P. Benton, " 1844 to 1848	J. W. French, Sherwood, 1878-1880	M. D. Campbell, " 1880 to 1882	Geo. H. Turner, " 1886 to 1892
	Chas. Upson, Coldwater, 1880-1882	A. J. McGowan, " "	Mortimer B. Wakeman," 1892 to ——
7D. H. 1000,	Ezra L. Koon, Hillsdale, 1882-1884	M. D. Campbell, " 1882 to 1884	
P. P. Wright, " 1850 to 1854	the contract of the contract o	F. D. Newberry, " " "	REPRESENTATIVES IN LEGISLATURE.
E. O. Leach, "1854 to 1856			Hiram Alden, Coldwater, 1835-1837
B. C. Webb, "1856 to 1862	Perry Mayo, Battle Creek, 1886-1888	F. D. Newberry, " 1884 to 1886	W. A. Kent, Bronson, 1836-1838
H. N. Lawrence, " 1862 to 1868	Alfred Milnes, Coldwater, 1888-1892	D. M. Wells, " " "	Jared Pond, Branch, 1838-1839
F. M. Bissell, " 1868 to 1874	Marden Sabin, Centerville, 1892-18—	D. M. Wells, " 1886 to 1888	C. G. Hammond, Union, 1839-1841
F. D. Newberry, " 1874 to 1880	SHERIFFS.	F. A. Lyon, "" "	Justus Goodwin, Union, 1841-1842
J. R. Dickey, " 1880 to 1892		M. O. Viets, " 1888 to 1892	Martin Olds, Batavia, 1842-1843
E. A. Greenamyer, " 1892	Wm. McCarty, served 1833 to 1836	W. H. Lockerby, " " "	Wales Adams, Bronson, 1843-1845
<b>,</b>	J. B. Stewart, "1836 to 1838	C. G. Johnson. " 1892 to 18—	W. B. Sprague, Coldwater, 1845-1846
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.	J. H. Stevens, " 1838 to 1842	M. E. Peters, "" ""	
C. G. Hammond, served 1838 to 1839	Anselin Arnold, " 1842 to 1846		
Enos G. Berry, """"	Hiram Shoulder, "1846 to 1848	coroners (since 1854).	Justus Goodwin, Union, 1846-1847
Wales Adams, " " "	James Pierson, " 1848 to 1850	Isaac Middaugh, served 1854 to 1856	Alvarado Brown, Quincy, 1847-1848
Enos G. Berry, " 1840	Philo Porter, " 1850 to 1854	Israel R. Hall, " " "	B. F. Ferris, Sherwood, 1847-1848
Wales Adams, "	Daniel Wilson, "1854 to 1856	A. C. Fisk, " 1856 to 1858	Geo. A. Coe, Coldwater, 1848-1849
Hiram Shoulder, "	D. N. Green, " 1856 to 1860	C. D. Brown, " " "	O. D. Culver, Kinderhook, 1849-1850
	John Whitcomb, "1860 to 1864	J. H. Bennett, " 1858 to 1860	Roland Root, Coldwater, 1849-1850
Wales Adams, " 1841 Hiram Shoulder " "	Chas. Powers, " 1864 to 1866	C. D. Brown, " " "	S. L. Lawrence, Girard, 1850-1852
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Oliver D. Colvin, " "		G. W. Johnson, "1860 to 1862	W. H. Arnold, Quincy, 1852-1854
Hiram Shoulder, " 1842	E. B. Common,	Elmer Packer, " " "	J. B. Tompkins, Girard, 1852 1854
Oliver D. Colvin, " "	J. T. Culp, " 1874 to 1878	Warren Byrnes, " 1862 to 1864	C. G. Luce, Gilead, 1854-1856
Hiram Gardner, " "	L. P. Wilcox, "1878 to 1882	Elmer Packer, " "	H. C. Hurd, Union, 1854-1856
	O. C. Campbell, " 1882 to 1886	Daniel Miller, " 1864 to 1866	Elijah Leland, Quincy, 1856-1858
COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONERS.	A. T. Kinney, " 1886 to 1890	J. C. Hall, """"	
Geo. Tripp, served 1857 to 1858	H. Sweet, "1890 to 1894	Moses E. Chauncey, " 1866 to 1868	Edward Perry, Union, 1856-1858
Jonathan Holmes, " " "	PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS.	Barnebas Shoecraft, " " "	A. S. Glessner, Coldwater, 1858-1860
Jas. B. Tompkins, " " "		J. H. Bennett, " 1868 to 1870	Edward Perry, Union, 1858-1860
Daniel Wilson, served 1858 to 1859	Esbon G. Fuller, served 1837 to 1843	G. W. Johnson, "" ""	Wm. Chase, Kinderhook, 1860-1862
Admetus Shaw, " " "	H. C. Gilbert, "1843 to 1849	J. S. Wolcott, " 1870 to 1872	H. C. Hurd, Union, 1860-1862
A. R. Day, " "	E. G. Parsons, "1849 to 1850	N. Tetterly, "	Jesse Bowen, Quincy, 1862-1864
J. B. Southworth, served 1859 to 1861	J. W. Gilbert, " 1850 to 1852	C. H. Lovewell, " 1872 to 1874	C. W. Wetherby, Gilead, 1862-1864
	J. G. Parkhurst, " 1852 to 1854		Anra Smith, Girard, 1862-1864
11. 20. 20.03,	J. W. Turner, " 1854 to 1856	sacob initiatia,	H. Haynes, Coldwater, 1864-1866
Thorn Craft, "" "	E. K. Nickols, "1856 to 1862	C. H. Lovewell, " 1874 to 1876	I. H. Jones, Quincy, 1864-1866
H. Cary, served 1861 to 1862	L. T. N. Miller, " 1862 to 1864	Edward Purdy, " "	D. Monroe, Bronson, 1864-1866
A. R. Day, ""	G. A. Coe, " 1864 to 1866	Jerome Wolcott, " 1876 to 1878	J. S. Barber, Coldwater, 1866-1868
J. B. Southworth, " " "	W. W. Barrett, " 1866 to 1868	A. A. Van Orthwick, " " "	J. D. Beall, Sherwoo, 1866-1868
A. R. Day, served 1862 to 1863	J. H. McGowan, " 1868 to 1872	Roland Root, " 1878 to 1880	J. H. Jones, Quincy, 1866-1868
H. Haynes, " " "	F. L. Skeels, "1872 to 1876	D. J. Sprague, " " "	
H. Cary, " " "	S. B. Kitchell, "1876 to 1880	D. J. Sprague, " 1880 to 1884	I. D. Beall, Sherwood, 1868-1870
H. Haynes, served 1863 to 1864		A. R. Burrows, " " "	E. Bostwick, Union, 1868-1870
A. R. Day, """	00,	A. Burrows, " 1884 to 1886	J. A. Williams, Quincy, 1868-1870
D. Wilson, "" "	9. 10. Champion, 1001 to 1000	A. W. Barber, " " "	J. A. Williams, Quincy. 1870-1872
H. Haynes, served 1864 to 1868	W. E. Ware, 1880 to 1890	A. W. Barber, " 1886 to 1888	H. Haynes, Coldwater, 1870-1872
J. O. Pelton, " "	E. E. Palmer, "1890 to 1892	J. H. Montague, " " "	G. F. Gillam, Bronson, 1870-1872
A. R. Day, ""	W. H. Compton, "1892 ——	A. W. Barber, "1888 to 1890	G. W. Van Aken, Coldwater, 1872-1874
J. H. Bennett, served 1868 to 1871	CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONERS.	J. A. Montague, " "	E. J. Welker, Kinderhook, 1872-1874
G. W. Fisk, " 1871 to 1872	E. G. Fuller, served 1850 to 1825	J. H. Montague, " 1890 to 1892	G. P. Robinson, Noble, 1874-1876
	J. G. Parkhurst, " " "		G. W. Van Aken, Coldwater, 1874-1876
W. J. Barnes, "1885 to 1887	Justin Lawyer, " 1852 to 1856	a. D. dates,	E. J. Welker, Kinderhook, 1176-1878
A. F. Archer, " 1887 to 1893		J. H. Montague, " 1892 to 18—	R. K. Twaddell, Quincy, 1876-1878
STATE SENATORS.		W. S. Card, " " "	C. T. Thorpe, Sherwood, 1878-1880
	17. 17. Builett,	REGISTERS OF DEEDS.	J. H. Bennett, Coldwater, 1880-1882
Sam'l Etheridge, Coldwater, 1838-1841	David Thompson, " 1862 to 1864		D. J. Easton, Union City, 1880-1882
E. A. Warren, Coldwater, 1841-1843	F. E. Morgan, " 1864 to 1866	Seth Dunham, served 1833 to 1836	
G. A. Coe, Coldwater, 1845-1847	W. J. Bowen, "" "	Leonard Ellsworth, "1836 to 1842	D. J. Easton, Union City, 1882-1884
E. G. Berry, Quincy, 1847-1849	J. H. McGowan, "1866 to 1868	Jared Pond, " 1842 to 1846	E. Himebaugh, Bronson, 1882-1884
A. French, Bronson, 1850-1852	W. J. Bowen, " " "	Selleck Seymore, " 1846 to 1850	M. D. Campbell, Coldwater, 1884-1886
J. C. Leonard, Union, 1852-1854	A. M. Tinker, " 1868 to 1870	Albert L. Porter, " 1850 to 1854	Amos Gardner, Coldwater, 1884-1886
L. T. N. Wilson, Coldwater, 1854-1858	W. J. Bowen, "" ""	Curtis S. Youngs, " 1854 to 1856	A. A. Van Orthwick, Butler, 1886-1890
Asahel Brown, Coldwater, 1858-1860	F. S. Skeels, " 1870 to 1872	Francis B. Way, " 1856 to 1858	D. D. Buell, Union, 1890-1892
Darius Monroe, Bronson, 1860-1864	Ezra Berry, " " "	Francis T. Eddy, " 1858 to 1862	D. D. Buell, Union, 1892-18—
C. G. Luce, Gilead, 1864-1868	C. D. Wright, " 1872 to 1876	Phineas P. Nichols, "1862 to 1866	MEMBERS OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS.
J. H. Jones, Quincy, 1868-1870	Ezra Berry, " " "	Charles A. Edmonds, "1866 to 1870	Harry Warner, Coldwater, Sept. 1836
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J. B. Tompkins, Girard, Dec. 1836 Wales Adams, Bronson, —— 1850		rved 1862 to 1866 " 1866 to 1870	C. Upson,
Alvarado Brown, Quincy, —— 1850 Asahel Brown, Algansee, —— 1550	Titus Babcock,	" 1870 to 1872 " 1872 to 1876	R. W. Melendy,
Cyrus G. Luce, Gilead, —— 1867 Asahel Brown, Coldwater, —— 1867	Murray Knowles,	" 1876 to 1880 " 1880 to 1886	C. R. Brown,
PROBATE JUDGES. Peter Martin, served 1833 to 1837		" 1886 to 1888 " 1888 to 1891	E. W. Keightley,
Martin Olds, " 1837 to 1840 Edward A. Warner, " 1841 to 1842	I. D. Miner,	" 1891 to 1892 " 1892 to ——	David Thompson,
Wm. B. Sprague, "1842 to 1844	SUPERINTENDENTS OF	COMMON SCHOOLS.	J. B. Shipman,
Harvey Warner, " 1849 to 1856	A. A. Jones,	eved 1867 to 1869 " 1869 to 1871	Russell R. Pealer, Noah P. Loveridge,
Nelson D. Skeels, "1860 to 1864		" 1871 to 1873 " 1873 to 1875	ASSOCIATE JUDGES O
David Thompson, " 1864 to 1868 David N. Green, " 1868 to 1881 Norman A. Reynolds " 1881 to 1893 Chas. N. Legg, " 1893 to —— COUNTY SURVEYORS (since 1854).		ved 1887 to 1890 " 1890 to 1893	S. A. Holbrook, s W. A. Kent, W. B. Sprague, C. G. Hammond, E. G. Berry,
P. H. Sprague, served 1854 to 1856 Murray Knowles, 1856 to 1860 S. H. Nye, 1860 to 1862		ved 1864 to 1866 1866 to 1870	W. A. Kent, Martin Barnhart, Jehial H. Hard,

3	C. Upson,	served	l 1870 to		COUNTY JUDGES	AND SEC	OND JUDGES.
) 2	R. W. Melendy,	"	Feb. 1873 to	1873 June 1873	W. A. Kent, count Jacob Shook, secon		
) i	C. R. Brown,		June . 1873 to	Mar.	Justin Sawyer,cou Darwin Littlefield	ntyjudę	ge,1851 to ——
3	E. W. Keightley,	66	Mar. 1874 to	Jan. 1877	COUNTY	TREASU	RERS.
)	David Thompson,		Jan. 1877 to	Dec.	Seth Dunham,		d 1833 to 1840
•	J. B. Shipman,	"	Dec.		J. G. Corbus, J. T. Haynes,	"	1840 to 1842 1842 to 1850
1	Russell R. Pealer,	"	1878 to 1882 to		H. R. Alden, Wales Adams,	"	1850 to 1852 1852 to 1854
	Noah P. Loveridge		1888 to		Hiram Shoudler,	"	1854 to 1858
	S. A. Holbrook,	0111	1833 to		C. G. Luce, M. V. Calkins,	"	1858 to 1862 1862 to 1868
	W. A. Kent, W. B. Sprague,	"	1833 to 1837 to		John Whitcomb, L. P. Wilcox,	"· .	1868 to 1872 1872 to 1876
	C. G. Hammond,	"	1837 to	1840	J. R. Dickey,		1876 to 1880
	E. G. Berry, W. A. Kent,	66	1839 to 1841 to		E. W. Benton, D. F. Rich,	"	1880 to 1884 1884 to 1888
	Martin Barnhart, Jehial H. Hard,	"	1841 to 1845 to		B. B. Gorman, J. B. Mosher,	"	1888 to 1892 1892 to ——



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- I Charles N. Legg, Probate Judge
- 3 Hezekiah Sweet, Sheriff
- 2 M. B. Wakeman, Regt. of Deeds
- 5 James D. Mosher, County Treasurer
- 4 E. A. Greenamyer, County Clerk
- 6 W. H. Compton, Pros. Attorney

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